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### COPS DIFFUSE ZIMMERMAN ALTERCATION



George Zimmerman, right, is escorted to a home by a Lake Mary police officer, Monday, Sept. 9, 2013, in Lake Mary, Fla., after a domestic incident. (AP Photo/John Raoux)

### **KYLE HIGHTOWER** MIKE SCHNEIDER **Associated Press**

LAKE MARY, Florida (AP) — The estranged wife of a former neighborhood watchman acquitted in the shooting death of a black teenager called police officers Monday, saying her husband threatened her and her father with a gun. Shellie Zimmerman called police shortly after 2 p.m. Monday, said Police Chief Steve Bracknell. In the call, she said George Zimmerman punched her father in the nose, grabbed an iPad out of her hand and smashed it and threatened them both with a gun.

Shellie Zimmerman, who has filed for divorce, initially told an emergency dispatcher that her husband had his hand on his gun as he sat in his car outside the home. She said she was scared because she wasn't sure what Zimmerman was capable of doing. But hours later she changed her story and said she never saw a firearm, said Bracknell.

George Zimmerman was not arrested, Bracknell said.

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US Secretary of State John Kerry speaks during a news conference with Britain's Foreign Minister William Hague at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London, Monday, Sept. 9, 2013. Kerry said Syria's President Bashar Assad could resolve the crisis surrounding a chemical weapons attack simply by turning over "every single bit" of his weapons stock to the international community within a week.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh, Pool)

# Obama: Russian Move `Positive Development' On Syria

STEWART M. POWELL

© 2013 Hearst Newspapers Obama late Monday eagerly welcomed Russia's dramatic proposal for Syria to surrender its chemical weapons to international control, potentially averting U.S. military retaliation for Damascus' use of poison gas in a grueling civil war.

interviews to set the stage chemical address Tuesday night, with CNN. Obama said it was ''possible" for Syria to avert the showdown if the offer to give up the weapons was "real."

"I think it's certainly a positive development when the Russians and the Syrians both make gestures

Using six network television toward dealing with these weapons,'' **WASHINGTON** – President for a nationally televised Obama said in an interview

> "It is a potentially positive development. I have to say it's unlikely that we would have arrived at that point where there would be public statements like that without a credible military threat to deal with the chemical weapons use

inside Syria,'' Obama added.

The president vowed to "run this to ground" by having his national security team engage with the Russians and Syria ''to see if we can arrive at something that's enforceable and serious.''

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### Indonesia:

# Miss World in doubt after protests

**JOE COCHRANE** © 2013 New York Times

JAKARTA, Indonesia - The finals of the annual Miss World pageant are in jeopardy after a decision by the government Indonesian to relocate the competition because of opposition from radical Islamic groups, with local organizers saying Monday that it might not be possible to move the globally televised event on short notice.

The 2013 pageant kicked off Sunday night with a gala opening show on the Hindu-majority resort island of Bali, and later rounds were scheduled to take place in the capital, Jakarta, before the grand finale Sept. 28 at an international convention center in West Java province, just outside the city.

But after a meeting Saturday between Vice President Boediono and officials from the national police

and the welfare and tourism ministries, the government announced that the entire pageant could only be staged in Bali, where radical Islamist groups have less of a presence, for public order reasons.

Nana Putra, project director for programming and production at MNC, the Indonesian media conglomerate that is organizing the 63rd annual competition, said that logistically it was probably not possible to relocate the upcoming segments and grand finale to Bali given the shortage of

She noted that many banquet facilities and hotel rooms had been booked for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit meeting, which will be held in Bali early next month.

"The pageant has different programs, and that requires booking venues, rooms, equipment far in advance," Nana said, adding that organizers had been working on hosting the competition since 2010. "It's just difficult for us to change all these things that we were preparing for a long time. We cannot just change it overnight."

The pageant has drawn heavy criticism in recent months from radical organizations, including the Islamic Defenders Front, a vigilante group known to smash bars, restaurants and nightclubs that they see as affronts to Islam. Indonesia is the world's largest Muslim-majority country, with more than 200 million faithful, but it has a secular government and prominent minority Christian and Hindu populations.

"We want to show the world that Indonesia is a safe country with friendly people, and we want to show that Indonesia is not just Bali," she said.



Muslim women hold placards during a protest demanding the cancellation of the Miss World pageant outside the presidential palace in Jakarta, Indonesia, Monday, Sept. 9, 2013. The 63rd edition of the Miss World pageant opened Sunday night after protests by Muslim hard-liners confined the event to Indonesia's predominantly Hindu resort island of Bali.

(AP Photo/Dita Alangkara)

## Tropical Storm Humberto strengthens in Atlantic

MIAMI (AP) — A strength- afternoon. ening Tropical Storm Humberto is moving west across the Atlantic, southwest of the Cape Verde Islands, and could become a hurricane within a day.

The storm's maximum sustained winds reached 50 mph (85 kph) on Monday

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami says Humberto could become a hurricane sometime Tuesday. The storm is centered about 95 miles (155 kilometers) southwest of the southernmost Cape Verde Islands and is moving further away

from that area. A tropical storm warning has been discontinued for the southern Cape Verde Islands as Humberto moves away from that area. No coastal watches or warnings are currently in effect.

The storm is moving westward at 13 mph (20 kph).  $\square$ 

### LATIN/CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

### Curação jail death linked to Wiels slaying

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao (AP) — A man found dead in his jail cell in Curacao has a connection to the slaying of an opposition lawmaker. The Justice Ministry says in a statement that Luigi Florentina appears to have hanged himself at the Barber police station. The 27-year-old was suspected of killing a suspect in the slaying of lawmaker Herman Wiels. The man Florentina was accused of killing was one of two men suspected of gunning down Wiels at a beach and then fleeing in a car. An autopsy of Florentina was scheduled for Monday to confirm the cause of death. Wiels was leader of the Sovereign People Party and his slaying shocked many in the southern Caribbean island.

### Colombia, rebels resume talks in Havana

**HAVANA (AP)** — **Colombia's** main guerrilla army says it is prepared to meet with a delegation of lawmakers on the sidelines of peace talks in Havana. A statement from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia says the rebels are waiting for the visit. Pablo Catatumbo is the nom de guerre of a rebel commander whose legal name is Jorge Torres Victoria. He read the statement to reporters Monday as negotiators returned to the table after a scheduled recess in the talks. Discussions are currently focused on point No. 2 of the agenda: the guerrillas' political integration in a post-conflict Colombia. Earlier this year a preliminary deal was struck on land issues.

### Jamaican girl fighting for life after attack

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Authorities in Jamaica say a 15-year-old girl is battling for her life in a hospital after allegedly being raped and then repeatedly stabbed by her father. The father was shot to death by police after confronting officers with a cutlass in rural St. Mary parish. Neighbors had alerted authorities and discovered the bleeding girl in bushes behind her grandmother's house Sunday. Earlier this year, the United Nations' child welfare agency said it was concerned about what it described as "unrelenting violence" against youngsters in Jamaica. It said 40 children were killed on the island of roughly 2.7 million people last year.

### Venezuela: Sabotage caused deadly blast

**CARACAS**, **Venezuela** (AP) — Venezuela's oil minister says sabotage caused an explosion and fire that killed more than 40 people last year at the South American country's largest petroleum refinery. Rafael Ramirez says the results of a government investigation showed that saboteurs deliberately caused a gas leak at the massive Amuay Refinery that prompted the Aug. 25 explosion. Ramirez says bolts on a pump were intentionally loosened, though he did not identify the alleged saboteurs during a news conference on Monday. He said he does not believe employees from the state-run oil company that operates the refinery were responsible. He said the blast caused \$1.1 billion in damages.

### Cuba allows private farm sales in tourism

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban authorities have authorized independent farmers to sell directly to hotels and touristoriented restaurants. Until now, private growers have had to go through a state-run distributor to supply those businesses. State-run agribusinesses and farm co-ops are already allowed to contract directly with hotels and restaurants. It's another step in President Raul Castro's gradual economic and social changes, which began in 2010.



# Judge: **Abercrombie** wrongly fired **Muslim Khan**

**PAUL ELIAS Associated Press** SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A

federal judge in San Francisco has ruled that trendy clothing retailer Abercrombie & Fitch wrongly fired a Muslim worker who insisted on wearing a head scarf.

U.S. District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers said the company violated antidiscrimination laws when it fired Hani Khan from its Hollister store in San Mateo, California, in 2010. Rogers issued the ruling last week. The company claimed the head scarf violated its policy governing the look of its employees, which it said was part of its marketing strategy. The store argued that deviating from its look policy would affect sales.

But the judge said Abercrombie & Fitch offered no "credible evidence" that Khan's head scarf cost the company any sales.

"Abercrombie only offers unsubstantiated opinion testimony of its own employees to support its claim of undue hardship," Rogers

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed a lawsuit on Khan's behalf in 2011."Abercrombie & Fitch does not discriminate based on religion and we grant religious accommodations reasonable," spokesman Bruce MacKenzie said. "It is our policy not to comment on pending litigation."

It's the latest employment discrimination charge against the company's socalled "look policy," which critics say means images of mostly white, young, athletic-looking people. The New Albany, Ohio-based company has said it does not tolerate discrimination. Abercrombie has been the target of numerous discrimination lawsuits, including a federal class action brought by black, Hispanic and Asian employees and job applicants that was settled for \$40 million in 2004.

# Obama: Russian Move `Positive Development' On Syria

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Obama said he had talked with Russian President Vladimir Putin about unspecified aspects of the threatened showdown during a G-20 summit meeting last week in St.Petersburg.

"It is possible that we could get a breakthrough," Obama said.

work interviews, Deputy National Security Adviser Tony Blinken vowed ''a hard look'' at the Russian plan.

State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf struck a more cautious note, saying the Obama administration would weigh the Russian proposal and Syria's immediate acceptance with "serious skepticism" beadded in remarks at the White House. "And Russia has to support the international community's efforts sincerely or be held to account."

The Russians apparently seized upon seemingly offhand comments by Secretary of State John Kerry during a stop in London that Bashar Assad could end the threat of U.S. miliIt was not immediately clear what impact the Russian proposal would have on a Senate vote to authorize the use of military force that's expected as early as Wednesday, the 12th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, and a House vote to follow.

The White House pressed its lobbying campaign by inviting an estimated 70 lawmakers to briefings at the White House on Monday alone. Obama scheduled a visit to Capitol Hill on Tuesday to meet with Senate Democrats.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, the second ranking Republican in Senate leadership, continued his wait-and-see approach on authorizing the use of force.

"If the vote were held today he would be a no," communications director Megan Mitchell said Monday. "He is waiting to hear a credible plan to secure Syria's chemical weapons. We have not seen the Russian proposal.''

Democratic members of the Senate initially sounded receptive to a potential compromise that would avert U.S. air and missile strikes threatened by Obama in the wake of Syria's Aug. 21 gas attack , the latest atrocity in a 30-month civil war that has claimed more than 100,000 lives.

U.S. intelligence officials report the overnight poison gas attack with sarin nerve gas fatally poisoned 1,429 men, women and children. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said she would "welcome" the arrangement laid out by Russia.



Deputy National Security Adviser Tony Blinken, left, accompanied by White House press secretary Jay Carney, speaks during the daily news briefing at the White House in Washington, Monday, Sept., 9, 2013. The Obama administration will take "a hard look" at Russia's offer to have international inspectors examine Syria's chemical weapons stockpile.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

"We don't want just a stalling and delaying tactic to put off the pressure."

Obama, making a pitch for congressional authorization to use military force in Syria if needed, insisted "we have to maintain this pressure.''

Shortly before Obama began the round robin net-

cause it might be a delaying tactic.

Hillary Clinton, the former secretary of state and former senator from New York, called it an ''important step'' if Syria relinquished chemical weapons. "But this cannot be another excuse for delay or obstruction," Clinton tary action if "he could turn over every single bit of his chemical weapons to the international community in the next week – turn it over, all of it without delay and allow the full and total accounting."

Kerry added: "But he isn't about to do it and it can't be done.''

# Hawaii gov. calls special session on gay marriage

**OSKAR GARCIA Associated Press** 

Gov. Neil Abercrombie on Monday called for a special legislative session to move forward on a bill that would legalize gay marriage. If lawmakers pass a bill, Hawaii would join 13 U.S. states and Washington, D.C., in allowing gay mar-

riage. The special session would begin on Oct. 28. **HONOLULU (AP)** — Hawaii Hawaii is already among a handful of states that allow same-sex civil unions, which gay marriage advocates say stops short of the full benefits of marriage.

Proponents of gay marriage in the state renewed their efforts after seeing two U.S. Supreme Court rulings come down in line with A draft of the bill released efits to same-sex couples married in states where gay marriage is legal.

Abercrombie has been considering a special session since the rulings. He met privately last week with Democratic lawmakers in the House about the issue.

their views in June. One rul- by his office last month proing granted federal ben-poses that Hawaii begin issuing marriage licenses next month. If passed, ceremonies could begin in November. Support for the bill is tight in the House, and lawmakers discussed different portions of the bill Friday, House Speaker Joseph Souki said last week.





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# Questions persist about standoff death of man, 107

### **JEANNIE NUSS Associated Press** PINE BLUFF, Arkansas (AP)

 When the time came to move 107-vear-old Monroe Isadore to a new home, police say he resisted and barricaded himself inside. Authorities tried using negotiating tactics, a camera, and finally gas to get him to come out.

None of it worked.

So, a police commando team went inside and was greeted by gunfire, authorities say. The team fired back, and Isadore died.

The weekend confrontation raised a flurry of questions Monday as residents strugaled to make sense of how someone known as a pleasant, churchgoing man who was hard of hearing and sometimes carried a cane had died in an explosive confrontation. Did authorities know how old he was? Did they follow proper procedure? Could they have done anything differently?

"It's just a big puzzle," said Ivory Perry, who has known Isadore for decades.

The standoff began Saturday, according to a police report obtained by The Associated Press. Laurie Barlow, 48, told officers she had gone to the house where Isadore was living temporarily to help him move to a new home. She said Isadore had previously been excited about the move but that when she arrived Isadore barricaded himself in a room.

"Ms. Barlow stated his granddaughter finally got him to open the door and she went around to speak with Mr. Isadore, at that time she stated Mr. Isadore raised his arm and pointed a gun at her and stated 'You better stop breaking in to my house," the report

After police moved Barlow and the granddaughter across the street, Isadore fired at a door moments after police tried to contact



In this 2011 photo provided by the Pine Bluff Commercial, Monroe Isadore poses for photos on his 105th birthday in Pine Bluff, Ark. Authorities in Arkansas halted a standoff on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013, when they shot and killed Isadore, 107, who opened fire

(AP Photo)

### him. A police commando team, called out when negotiations failed, maneuvered a camera into the house to see how Isadore was armed, then stormed inside after deploying gas and a distraction device, the report said. When Isadore fired, the entry team fired back.

Police Sgt. David DeFoor said Monday that Isadore had been living at the home temporarily, but did not go into more detail. The sergeant also said officers may not have been aware of the man's age.

"The only thing they knew that I'm aware of was that he was older," DeFoor said. Prosecutors are expected to review whether police reacted appropriately.

Crime is not uncommon in this community of about 50,000 people some 45 miles (72 kilometers) southeast of Little Rock, where prisons house hundreds of inmates and signs caution drivers against picking up hitchhikers.

But in Isadore's old neighborhood, where he lived until several months ago, friends recalled him as a pleasant and active man. He mowed lawns in his advanced years and kept a vegetable garden, often sharing its bounty.

"I thought he was a good, old guy because he would always talk to us and go to church every Sunday," said Dwayne Grant, 50. Grant recalled that Isadore tilled the garden himself though Monday the plot stood empty, as if it yielded no crop this year.

Robert and Ivory Perry said they had known Isadore for more than 20 years.

"Everybody knows Mr. Isadore," said Robert Perry, 76.

His wife, Ivory Perry, 65, said Isadore had done his own cooking — she recalled neck bones and rice pudding — and talked about religion.

# Florida police diffuse Zimmerman altercation

### **Continued from Front**

He said the estranged husband and wife blamed each other for starting the fight but that Shellie Zimmerman would not press charges.

Her father also declined to press charges, the police chief said.

Shellie Zimmerman left the house, which is owned by her parents, after being questioned by police. George Zimmerman remained there into early evening and his attorney denied any wrongdoing by his client. Both had been staying in the home until she moved out.

Zimmerman's attorney, Mark O'Mara, said his client never threatened his estranged wife and her father with a gun and



Mark O'Mara, attorney for George Zimmerman, speaks with a police officer at the scene of a domestic incident in the Lake Mary, Fla. neighborhood where Zimmerman and his wife Shellie had lived during his murder trial, Monday, Sept. 9, 2013. (AP Photo/John Raoux)

never punched his father- turned unexpectedly Monin-law. Shellie Zimmerman had collected most of her ing items. Emotions got out belongings Saturday from of control, but neither side the house. But she had re- is filing charges against the

day to gather the remain-

other, O'Mara said. Shellie Zimmerman said in a divorce petition filed last week that she and her husband separated a month after Zimmerman was acquitted of any crime for fatally shooting 17-year-old Trayvon Martin last July in Sanford, just a few miles away from Lake Mary. Zimmerman's acquittal led to protests nationwide.

Last month, Shellie Zimmerman, 26, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor perjury charge for lying about the couple's finances during a bail hearing following her husband's arrest after Martin's shooting. She was sentenced to a year's probation and 100 hours of community service. Her husband did not attend the sentencing hearing in the Sanford courtroom.



# Recall fights in Colorado grow fiercer in last days

**JACK HEALY** © 2013 New York Times PUEBLO, Colo. - At first, Angela Giron was surprised to find herself in the cross hairs of a campaign to recall

low Democrat, John Morse, the president of the Colorado Senate.

In her fight, Giron has found support among liberal groups and unions across this struggling old steel town will go to the polls to decide whether Giron should be ejected from office before her term is up. A former

On Tuesday, constituents in will face a recall vote in his a working-class neighbor-Colorado Springs district, about 45 miles to the north. But even as national interest crested, Giron and Morse have tried to focus on local issues.

> In a race dominated by guns, Giron has touted her support for laws on juvenile offenders and overtime pay, and how she helped secure money for a new academic building at the Pueblo campus of Colorado State University.

> As the race barreled into its final days, the two Democrats and their opponents ramped up what has become an all-out fight for every vote in the two Senate districts, which have less than 200,000 registered voters. On Sunday, 80 volunteers gathered inside a union hall in Pueblo for their marching orders: Find supporters, and get them to the polls.

> After thanking everyone, Giron, clipboard in hand, set out for another day of knocking on doors and rallying support.

"I'm a fast walker," she said as she headed out through

hood, under a sweltering morning sun.

But it was slow. Most people, it seemed, were either at church or still asleep, so Giron scrawled her hellos onto glossy leaflets and wedged them into doorways. One man responded to her knocks by shouting, "I already voted!" from his living room. Giron thanked him, and moved on.

She guessed she has knocked on about 4,000 doors this summer, defending her pivotal support for new laws that require background checks on private gun sales and limit ammunition magazines to 15 rounds. She recalled one voter who approached her and yelled, "Angela, I'm so mad at you! I can't sell my guns at the garage sale." "I thought, well, that's a

good thing," she said. Giron had never fired a gun before this winter, when Colorado's Democraticcontrolled Legislature beaan an emotional and divisive effort to pass the state's first new gun-control laws in more than a decade.



Colorado State Sen. Angela Giron speaks with staff inside the Pueblo County Democratic Party offices in Pueblo, Colo. Giron is one of two Democrats who supported new gun-control laws in the state facing a recall vote on Sept. 10.

(Matthew Staver/The New York Times)

police official, George Ri-

vera, will be on the ballot

as her potential Republican

replacement. Morse, too,

Colorado lawmakers who had supported a slate of new gun-control laws. She had won her state Senate seat by a 10-point margin. Her Southern Colorado district is heavily Hispanic and reliably Democratic, hardly ideal terrain to oust a lawmaker with Mexican roots whose mother once worked picking beans.

"I thought, What the heck?" Giron said. "Why would they do that?"

But over the summer, Giron found herself at the center of a citizen-led recall campaign heavily financed by the National Rifle Association and other conservative groups and Second Amendment advocates, who have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on advertisements and mailings to oust her and a fel- ing gun restrictions.

the state, as well as guncontrol supporters with deep pockets like Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg of New York City, who contributed \$350,000 to fight the recall campaigns. Emily's List, which supports female Democrats in favor of abortion rights, and New York's junior Democratic senator, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, have also sent fundraising emails urging their supporters to help Giron.

campaigns have grown from a novelty into the central political battle in Colorado.

Fiercely fought and heavily financed by outside groups, they are widely seen as referendums on whether swing-state Democrats can survive the populist reaction after support-

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# **Q&A ON THE NEWS**

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Q: We seem to have an incredible lack of leadership and courage within our Congress and the Cabinet. Can you share how many individuals within Congress and the Cabinet have military experience? I hope I am wrong, but I suspect a small percentage.

-- Blair Tighe, Johns Creek, Ga.

A: Of the 541 members of the 113th Congress, 106 -- or 19.6 percent have served or are serving in the military. They include veterans of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, Afghanistan, Iraq and Kosovo, according to the Congressional Research Service's "Membership of the 113th Congress: A Profile." Eight representatives and one senator are serving in the reserves and six representatives are in the National Guard. Two female representatives are combat veterans.

There has been a steady decline of veterans in Congress in the past 40 years. Seventy-three percent of Congress in 1971-72 had served in the military and 64 percent of Congress in 1981-82 were veterans. There are three veterans in the Cabinet. They are Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki (Army), Secretary of State John Kerry (Navy) and Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel (Army), who are decorated veterans of the Vietnam War.

Q: With all the recent Martin Luther King observances, I am reminded that the FBI files on him were ordered sealed for a number of years because it was feared that J. Edgar Hoover would blackmail King. When are the FBI's files scheduled to be opened to the public?

-- Gene Wade, Loganville, Ga.

A: The FBI's files on King are sealed until 2027, or 50 years after they were sealed by a court order in 1977. Attorney General Robert Kennedy allowed the FBI to put King under surveillance -- starting in September 1963, or the month after his "I have a dream" speech -- in an unsuccessful attempt to prove he had connections with communist organizations. The FBI tapped the phone lines of King and his closest associates and bugged their homes, hotel rooms and offices, according to a 2010 article in Smithsonian magazine.

Q: Former presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton spoke at the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. Why weren't former presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush at the march?

-- Joni Pelta, Atlanta

A: Both of the Bushes are dealing with health issues and couldn't attend the celebration. George H.W. Bush, 89, was hospitalized earlier this year with bronchitis-like symptoms and his son is recuperating from surgery last month to repair an arterial blockage.

"Laura and I thank the King family and all who work to carry on the legacy of a great man and the promise of a great nation," George W. Bush said in a statement. "May we continue to march toward the day when the dignity and humanity of every person is respected."

Q: I recently read that some stocks on the NYSE have four-letter ticker symbols. Didn't that used to apply only to NASDAQ stocks? I thought NYSE stocks had one-, two- or three-letter symbols. What led to the change and when?

-- Lance DeLoach, Thomaston, Ga.

A: The move, which was first permitted in May 2009, was made to help companies with branding efforts, according to a Wall Street Journal article from that month. Several corporations moved to a four-letter symbol in the first month.

# Rodman gives North Korea trip details

**CHOE SANG-HUN** © 2013 New York Times

**NEW YORK -** The retired NBA star Dennis Rodman said Monday that on his visit to North Korea last week, the country's leader, Kim Jong Un, trusted him enough to let him hold his baby daughter and asked him to bring a team of former basketball stars for games in Pyongyang and train the North's basketball team for the next Olympics.

Rodman, who had visited Pyongyang once before at the invitation of Kim, thus solved one mystery about the North Korean leader. Although Kim's wife, Ri Sol

forged an odd friendship since the flamboyant NBA leaend made his first trip to Pyonayana in February. During that visit, Kim threw parties for him, and they watched a basketball game together. Rodman has since publicly professed his affection for his "friend," Kim.

On Monday, Rodman said Kim gave him the right to write a book about him.

"If you meet the marshal over there, he is a very good guy," Rodman said, using the military title for Kim. "He doesn't want a war."

"If he wanted to bomb any-

and prepare a North Korean team. A second set of games between the teams will also be played in June in Europe, according to an agreement between the North Korean minister of sports and Rodman that was read during the news conference Monday.

Rodman said he accepted Kim's request for him to train the North's Olympic basketball team.

Critics have called Rodman's Pyongyang trips nothing but publicity stunts for both him and Kim, a brutal dictator whose labor camps are believed to hold tens of thousands of



Former NBA basketball player Dennis Rodman speaks to the media during a news conference in New York, Monday, Sept. 9, 2013. Rodman is going back to North Korea, and he says he will bring a team of former NBA players with him. Days after returning from his second trip to visit North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, Rodman announced plans to stage two exhibition games there in January.

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

Ju, was seen pregnant in the North's state-run television footage last year, no outsider has reported having seen the baby, much less holding it. In an interview with The Guardian on Sunday, Rodman called Kim's baby "Ju-ae."

Speaking at a news conference arranged in New York on Monday by Paddy Power, an Irish betting company that helped finance his trip to Pyongyang, Rodman also revealed that Kim was 30 years old and that his birthday was Jan. 8. The age and birthday conform with what South Korean intelligence officials have

Kim and Rodman have

one in the world, he would have done it," he said, apparently referring to Pyongyang's recent moves to ease tensions after months of threats this year.

Rodman said he would put together a team of 12 former NBA stars to travel to Pyongyang in January for one week. He said he hoped to recruit people like his former Chicago Bulls teammate Scottie Pippen and Karl Malone. They will play a North Korean team on Jan. 8 and another match two days later, he said. Kim promised a stadium and 95,000 fans.

Rodman said he planned to travel to Pyongyana in December to help select

political prisoners. But Rodman said on Monday that his basketball diplomacy was to "open doors" and "bridge a gap."

criticized President Barack Obama for not talking to Kim. Speaking of his "inside track" with Kim, he also challenged Obama to come to talk to him.

"Even give him a call, that's all he wants," Rodman said, adding that Kim wanted to "change" and wanted conversations with Washington. Rodman said he was not trying to use his friendship with Kim to win the release of Kenneth Bae, an American missionary imprisoned in the country for "hostile acts."



### **US Financial Front:**

# American consumer borrowing rises \$10.4B in July

M. CRUTSINGER **AP Economics Writer WASHINGTON (AP)**—Americans cut back on using their credit cards in July for the second straight month, while taking on more debt to buy cars and attend school. The decline in credit card use suggests consumers remain cautious, a trend that could hold back economic growth. Consumers increased their borrowing \$10.4 billion in July from June to a record high of \$2.85 trillion, the Federal Reserve said Monday. That followed a gain of \$11.9 bil-

A category that includes auto loans and student loans increased \$12.3 billion in July to a record \$2 trillion. But a measure consumers' credit card debt fell \$1.8 billion to roughly \$850 billion. That followed

lion in June.

category in June.

July's pattern of consumers' borrowing habits illustrated trends that have surfaced in the post-recession economy: Americans are using credit for their most urgent needs, while foregoing debt for discretionary purchases.

The auto and student loan category is up 8.1 percent from a year ago and has risen in every month but one since May 2010. But credit card debt has barely changed in the past year and is nearly 17 percent below its peak hit in July 2008 — seven months after the Great Recession began.

Slow but steady job growth and small wage gains have made many Americans more reluctant to charge goods and services to their an even larger \$3.7 billion plastic. That could hold

decline in the credit card back consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity. Americans may also be hesitant to take on more

economy is sending more people back to school. The Federal Reserve's consumer credit report does not separate student loans



Customers shop at a Wal-Mart, in Bristol, Pa. The Federal Reserve reported on Monday, Sept. 9, 2013, that Americans cut back on using their credit cards in July for the second straight month, while taking on more debt to buy cars and attend school.

(AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

high-interest debt because of higher Social Security taxes.

At the same time, the weak

and auto loans. But the Federal Reserve Bank of New York quarterly report on consumer credit shows

student loan debt has been the biggest driver of borrowing since the Great Recession officially ended in June 2009.

Economists are hoping that as the impact of those higher taxes fades, consumer spending will strengthen in the second half of this year. That forecast is also counting on steady job growth to bolster income growth and support higher spending.

But there are forces still working to dampen growth, including thousands of federal furloughs which depressed income growth in July. And job growth has been weaker than first thought.

The government reported that employers added 169,000 jobs in August but 74,000 fewer jobs in June and July than previously reported.

# Owners of Neiman Marcus sell luxury chain for \$6B

A. D'INNOCENZIO **AP Retail Writer** 

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Luxury merchant Neiman Marcus is getting a new owner.

Ares Management LLC and the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board announced Monday they are buying the luxury chain Neiman Marcus for \$6 billion.

The two new owners will hold an equal economic interest in Neiman Marcus,] and the company's management will retain a minority stake.

"We plan on investing meaningful capital into the business to ensure Neiman's long-term position as the unparalleled leader in luxury retailer,"

said David Kaplan, senior partner and co-head of the private equity group of Ares.

The agreement follows an acquisition of another big luxury player: Saks Inc. Saks Inc., which operates Saks Fifth Avenue, recently agreed to sell itself to Hudson's Bay Co.,

the Canadian parent of

upscale retailer Lord & Taylor, for about \$2.4 billion.

The two deals come as the sales will be up 5 percent to luxury market is showing signs of a slowdown after having rebounded after

the Great Recession.

Bain & Co. predicts luxury 7 percent in the Americas this year, down from 13 percent in 20012.

1907 by Herbert Marcus Sr., his sister Carrie Marcus, and her husband A.L Neiman, has had a series of owners during its rich history.

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# Navalny defuses anger over Moscow mayor's race

### LYNN BERRY **Associated Press**

MOSCOW (AP) — Opposition leader Alexei Navalny on Monday night defused anger over the Moscow mayoral election, telling a vast square of cheering supporters to celebrate his surprisingly strong secondplace finish as a victory that gave rise to real political competition in Russia.

Navalny has claimed that Sunday's vote was manipulated to give the Kremlin-appointed incumbent, Sergei Sobyanin, the slim majority he needed to win in the first round and avoid a runoff.

Russia's most respected election monitoring group also questioned the accuracy of the vote.

But rather than call for angry street protests like those he led after the fraud-tainted 2011 national parliamentary election, Navalny urged his supporters to keep up the kind of grassroots political activism that helped him defy all expectations and win 27 percent of the vote.

Sunday's election was in some ways less about Sobyanin, who agree has brought positive change to Moscow since taking over three years ago, and more about the depth of discontent in the Russian capital with President Vladimir Putin's rule, especially among young and middle class. Navalny, 37, attracted

thousands of enthusiastic He said the time may volunteers to help him take his campaign to the streets of Moscow.

"During these elections, politics in Russia was finally born," Navalny told the crowd that filled Bolotnaya

The Navalny who took the stage Monday night was a more restrained and come when he will call on his supporters to protest in defiance of police, "to turn over cars and light flares, whatever else," but for now he asked them to keep up their political work through elections.

Monday's rally largely answered the question of how Navalny planned to in a case seen as part of a Kremlin effort to sideline him, but his strong showing at the polls could lead to a shortening of his five-year sentence, if the Kremlin feels this would help settle discontent.

Nikolai Petrov, a scholar



Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny gestures while speaking during a rally in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Sept. 9, 2013. Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny demanded a recount Monday in Moscow's mayoral election after official results showed that the Kremlin-backed incumbent barely escaped facing him in a runoff. Russia's most respected monitoring group also questioned the accuracy of the vote.

(AP Photo/Ivan Sekretarev)

mature-sounding version of the fiery protest leader who inspired the mass protests against Putin that stretched through the winter of 2012, some of them held on the same square across the river from the Kremlin.

respond to the election results. The next question is whether the Kremlin remains determined to see him in prison after he won the votes of 630,000 Muscovites.

Navalny was convicted in July of embezzlement

ger huge protests. "I would not expect the Kremlin to do this stupid mistake, although I cannot exclude such" a possibility," Petrov said during a telephone briefing organized by the Wilson Center in Washing-

### Italy: Berlusconi future weighed by Senate panel

### **FRANCES D'EMILIO Associated Press**

**ROME (AP)** — An Italian Senate panel set to work Monday to decide whether ex-Premier Silvio Berlusconi should lose his seat in the upper chamber of Parliament because of his tax fraud conviction and prison sentence.

Berlusconi has threatened to yank his ministers out of Premier Enrico Letta's unusual left-right coalition if his fellow senators vote to strip him of his seat.

But the media magnate has also insisted he doesn't want to trigger the collapse of the four-monthold government, which is struggling to tug Italy out of a stubborn recession.

Last month,

Italy's top criminal tribunal, the Court of Cassation, upheld his conviction and a four-year sentence, setting the stage for the Senate showdown.

The Senate action is based on a 2012 law stipulating that anyone convicted to more than two years in prison cannot hold or run for office for six years.

Berlusconi's aides and lawyers insist that that he keep his seat, arguing that it would be unconstitutional to apply the law to him retroactively since his conviction stems from a case before the law existed.

Members of the panel, speaking to reporters during a break in the closeddoor session, indicated that no decision was imminent. Whatever it decides, the entire Senate will have to sign off on the recommendation with a vote, stretching the decisionmaking process over a period of weeks.□

# UK PM Cameron leaves his papers on train

LONDON (AP) — Downing Street officials say Britain's secrets weren't at risk despite a photograph showing Prime Minister David Cameron's official red box of papers left in public view on a train table.

A front-page photograph

Monday in the Daily Mirror showed the famous, battered red box marked "Prime Minister" apparently unattended while Cameron left his seat on a weekend train to Scotland.

The newspaper said other ment, however, indicated

rifled through the box and studied secret plans for military options in Syria or details about disagreements with Russia over policy toward Syria.

A Downing Street statepassengers could have that Cameron's security

team was in place and the box was not unattended. In the past,

British government-owned laptops containing sensitive information have been left on public transport, prompting tighter rules on security.

# Egyptian tanks, helicopters push through Sinai villages

**ASHRAF SWEILAM MAGGIE MICHAEL Associated Press** 

EL-ARISH, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian troops and tanks backed by helicopter gunships swept through villages in the northern Sinai Peninsula near the border with the Palestinian Gaza Strip on Monday, the third day of a major offensive against Islamic extremists, a military official said. So far, some 20 suspected militants have been killed and 20 captured in the operation, he added.

Explosions rocked el-Mahdiya and Naga Shabana, two of several villages south of the town of Rafah, the official said, where the military hit targets and shelters used by militants wanted for the killing and abduction of Egyptian soldiers over the past year.

A day earlier, an al-Qaida-inspired militant group based in the area claimed responsibility for last week's failed assassination attempt on Egypt's interior minister, describing the Cairo attack as a "suicide" car bomb.

The claim could not be independently verified but it appeared on militant websites that regularly distribute statements from al-Qaida-linked groups. If true, it would mark the first time Sinai militants took their fight to the heart of the Egyptian capital with a suicide attack. Tourist resorts along the southern coast of the rocky, desert region saw a string of suicide bombings in the mid-2000s that left at least 125 people dead and triggered mass arrests and detentions of thousands of Bedouin tribesman. The crackdown soured relations between locals and the central government, intensifying the Bedouins' feelings of mistreatment and turning the northern end of the peninsula into an incubator for Islamic extremism. Like Ansar Jerusalem, other Sinai-based al-Qaida inspired groups have been blamed for a spike of attacks against military and police in northern Sinai since the military ousted former Islamist President Mohammed Morsi on July 3. The increase in violence has raised suspicions of links between Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood and Islamic militant groups. Military officials have accused Morsi of handling the

groups too leniently and striking a truce with them to halt their attacks in return for suspending military

weapons, evidenced by the large caches of antiaircraft missiles, mortars, and RPGs and other weap-



Egyptian Army soldiers patrol in an armored vehicle backed by a helicopter gunship during a sweep through villages in el-Mahdiya and Naga Shabana, northern Sinai, Egypt.

(AP Photo)

operations against them during his year in office. This truce, they say, gave militants free reign to stockpile

ons seized by the army since Saturday. Mustafa Hegazy, the in-

terim president's political

7,000 or more from 1,000. "It is graver than what we thought," he said in a late Sunday interview. He said the attempt on the interior minister did not signal a broader deterioration of Egypt's security, which was being "restored" across the country. In the Ansar Jerusalem statement posted late Sunday, the group said it carried out the attack on Interior Minister Gen. Mohammed Ibrahim's motorcade to avenge Muslims killed by security forces during their violent Aug. 14 dismantlement of two sprawling encampments set up in Cairo by pro-Morsi supporters demanding his reinstatement.

adviser, told Egyptian TV

station Al-Hayat that under

Morsi's rule, the number of

militants in Sinai jumped to

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# CFO of Dutch telecom firm Royal KPN resigns abruptly

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Royal KPN NV says that its CFO has resigned unexpectedly and with immediate effect, citing personal circumstances.

KPN is currently the target of a takeover attempt by Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim's company America Movil that values KPN at 10.5 billion euros (\$13.5 billion). Movil already owns around 30 percent of the Dutch firm. KPN said Monday Eric Hageman's decision was "not related to

working relationships or present circumstances at KPN." Hageman, 43, took the job in September 2012. The company said he had made an "important contribution" to helping the struggling company raise 3 billion euros in a rights issue this spring, and in striking a deal in July to sell KPN's German arm E-Plus to Spanish firm Telefonica. That move prompted Movil's takeover tempt, which some see as hostile.

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### Center-right bloc to take power in Norway

### **MALIN RISING NILS MYKLEBOST Associated Press**

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Conservative Party leader Erna Solberg — nicknamed "Iron Erna" for her tough image — will become Norway's new prime minister, as the leader of a centerright coalition government. Solberg thanked the voters Monday for a historic victory in the oil-rich Nordic in a parliamentary election that yielded the best result for the conservatives in 28 years.

"The voters had the choice between 12 years of redgreen government or a new government with new ideas and new solutions," Solberg said at her party's election night party.

The current prime minister, Jens Stoltenberg, who has led Norway for eight years, conceded defeat, saying his Labor Party tried "to do what almost no one has done, to win three elections in a row, but it turned out to be tough."

Norway's oil wealth has helped it withstand Europe's financial crisis and retain low unemployment throughout Stoltenberg's eight years in power. Still, the Conservative Party has managed to attract votes amid pledges to increase the availability of private health care and cut taxes on assets over \$140,000.

The conservatives have said for the first time that they are prepared to form a coalition government with the anti-immigration Progress Party.

Solberg will now likely begin negotiations to form a government with them, as well as with the Liberal Party and the Christian According Democrats.

to the preliminary results, she needs the support of all three parties to get a majority government, but could end up running a minority government with the Progress Party with support from the two others, if they refuse to share power with the Progress Party.

"I want a change of government because I am liberal-conservative and believe in more deregulation and private solutions," said Haakon Gloersen, a 25-year-old communications adviser, who voted for the Liberal Party.

Oeyvind Nordli, a 44-year-

single party, with 30.8 percent. Still, the party and its two coalition partners, the Socialist Party and the Center Party, have lost support since the last election, getting only 40.6 percent of the votes together in the forecast.

The discovery of oil and gas in Norway's waters in the 1960s turned the Scandinavian nation into one of the richest in the world, with a strong welfare system and a high living standard. The oil has allowed it to create an investment fund for the country's future that is now worth around \$750 billion.



Chairman of the Conservative Party in Norway, Erna Solberg, casts her vote in the general election Monday Sept. 9, 2013 at the polling station at Apeltun School in Bergen, western Norway. (AP Photo/Heiko Junge)

old salesman, said he voted for the conservatives because he thought it would benefit him personally and because he dislikes the Labor Party's tax policy.

Preliminary results late Monday showed the Conservative Party got 26.9 percent of the votes. Together, the four center-right parties were expected to get 53.8 percent.

The Labor Party appeared set to remain the biggest

One political expert said the reason Stoltenberg struggled to be re-elected for a third term was simply that he had been in power for so long.

"I call it government fatigue. The Labor coalition has been in power for eight years and one would expect that some voters now think it is time for a change," said Frank Aarebrot, professor of comparative politics at the University of Bergen. 🔲

### Yemen on alert over suicide attack fears

### **AHMED AL-HAJ Associated Press**

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni officials are warning of imminent attacks, distributing a photo of a suspected al-Qaida militant believed to be plotting suicide bombings with others. New intelligence shows a wanted militant in his 20s is

car bombs to use in suicide The Defense Ministry said attacks along with two others, an official said Monday, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief the press.

He added that security measures were beefed up near foreign missions and

believed to be preparing state institutions in Sanaa. earlier in the day that two explosive devices had gone off in attacks targeting two buses carrying soldiers in Sanaa, leaving no causalities. Al-Qaida in Yemen is believed to be the terror group's most dangerous branch in the world.



Philippine military soldiers walk around an area as residents watch from behind cordon lines in Zamboanga city, southern Philippines, Monday Sept. 9, 2013. A Philippine navy patrol clashed early Monday with suspected members of the Moro National Liberation Front guerrillas aboard several boats, before the rebels stormed a coastal community and took about a dozen hostages, officials said.

(AP Photo/Philippine IAR)

# Rebellion paralyzes southern Philippine city; at least 8 dead

### **FLOYD WHALEY** © 2013 New York Times

**MANILA** - Fighting between government forces and rebels who were left out of a recent peace agreement paralyzed a city of 800,000 in the southern Philippines on Monday, killing at least eight people and wounding dozens more.

By late Monday, government troops had secured major government buildings in Zamboanga City, about 530 miles south of Manila, but several parts of the city were still occupied by about 300 armed rebels holding at least 20 hostages, a military spokesman said. Flights to the area were canceled, and many of the city's picturesque, usually busy streets were empty except for military patrols.

The reported deaths included two rebel fighters, a Philippine navy sailor, a police officer and four civilians.

The fighting started early Monday when several hundred armed members of the Moro National Liberation Front tried to enter the city by boat and were intercepted by the Philippine navy, said Lt. Col. Ramon Zagala, a military spokesman. The rebels, dressed in military uniforms, tried to march to the city hall to raise their group's flag and independence from the national government, Zagala said.

"There is only one legitimate military force in our country, and that is the armed forces of the Philippines," he said at a news briefing. "We cannot allow another armed force to march around our cities. This is unacceptable."

It was not clear whether the rebel fighters represented the leadership of the Moro National Liberation Front, a group that has sporadically clashed with the government for decades, or whether they were a breakaway faction operating on their own.

"Their political intent is not our concern at the moment," Zagala said. "Our concern is the safety of the population of Zamboanga."

Emmanuel Fontanilla, a spokesman for the Moro National Liberation Front, said in a local radio interview that the incident was not an attack on the town. He said members of the organization were gathering for a peaceful demonstration when they were attacked by the Philippine military.

A rival group, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, which operates primarily in central Mindanao with an estimated 11,000 to 14,000 armed followers, signed a landmark peace deal with the Philippine government last October.



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# Reports say bomb kills 2 outside school in China

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**BEIJING** - A homemade bomb outside a school in the southern city of Guilin on Monday killed at least two people and injured 17, many of them children, according to state news

The two who died in the explosion were a man and a woman, according to the microblog of China Central Television, the main state television network. Of the injured, 10 were children who attended the school, which housed both elementary and secondary grades.

The man who died appeared to have been the bomber, the official news reports said. The bomb was in a three-wheel bicycle, which might have been electric or gas powered.

A photograph taken at the scene and posted online showed two people sitting in the street, their clothes mostly shredded and patches of skin missing from their bodies. A motorbike nearby was on fire, and metal and glass lay scattered across the street. Accounts posted on microblogs said the blast shattered windows as high as the seventh floor on nearby buildings.

Liu Yuping, deputy director of a local hospital, told China News Service that a 10-year-old boy's leg had been severed by the blast. The explosion, which occurred at 7:10 a.m., was certain to raise further questions among parents about security at schools. In 2010, a series of seem-



Investigators go through the site of an explosion outside Balijie Primary School in Lingchuan county in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on Monday, Sept. 9, 2013.

ingly unrelated school attacks, some fatal, by people armed with knives and other household objects shocked parents across China. In one case, a man attacked children with a hammer and then set fire to himself.

After that round of vio-

lence, officials promised to improve security at the country's schools, but the attacks have not stopped. Last year, a man with a meat cleaver went on a rampage in a school in Henan province, injuring at least 23 children. Children with broomsticks tried to

ward him off as he raced through the schoolyard. In several of the cases, the assailants had histories or had shown signs of mental illness, which is often poorly addressed in China's public health system. It is unclear what motivated the bombing Monday.

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# Polio virus found in Jerusalem's sewers

### DONALD G. McNEIL Jr © 2013 New York Times

Polio virus has been found in Jerusalem's sewers for the first time since Israel eliminated the disease, the nation's Heath Ministry announced Monday. No children are known to have been paralyzed by the disease. Israel is conducting a nationwide vaccination drive, trying to give a million children under age 10 drops containing a live vaccine. Until 10 years ago, doctors gave the injected killed vaccine used in polio-free countries, but the drops - while somewhat riskier, especially to immunocompromised children provide greater protection. In August, Israel's Supreme

Court quickly rejected a motion by anti-vaccine activists to freeze the campaign. In June, the virus was found in sewage in Rahat, a small city in the Negev desert inhabited mostly by Bedouins. It slowly spread north to several cities. The strain originated in Pakistan but appeared in Cairo's sewers in January. Previously, polio virus had not been found in Israeli sewers since 2002.

No one has been paralyzed by polio in Israel since 1988; paralysis occurs in only about 1 of 200 cases, but those who are infected shed virus in feces for weeks. Stool-sample testing in Israel has found dozens of asymptomatic carriers.





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# Rousseff: Any Petrobras spying has economic motive

### **BRADLEY BROOKS Associated Press** RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff again demanded answers from the U.S. government Monday after a new report about National Security Agency spying on Brazil.

The report broadcast by the Globo TV network Sunday night, based on leaked documents from Edward Snowden, said the NSA targeted Brazil's state-run oil firm Petrobras. That came a week after a report on Globo indicated that the communications of Rousseff herself were intercepted by the NSA.

The new Globo report also said Google and the Belgium-based Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication, an organization better known as SWIFT that oversees international bank transfers thought to be secure transactions, were targeted by the NSA.

The report gave no indication about what information the NSA may have obtained from the companies. All three companies are included in an NSA training manual for new agents on how to target

the private computer networks of big companies, the report said.

"If the facts in the report are confirmed, then it's evident that the motive for the ... espionage is not security or to fight terrorism, but economic and strategic interests," Rousseff said in an emailed statement.

Rousseff met with U.S. President Barack Obama last week in Russia durina a Group of 20 meeting. She said Obama promised to provide explanations about the NSA program by this Wednesday.

"The Brazilian government is determined to obtain clarifications from the U.S. government about any possible violations committed," her statement said.

Foreign Minister Luiz Alberto Figueiredo traveled to the U.S. from Europe on Monday and he is expected to meet Wednesday or Thursday with Obama's national security adviser, Susan Rice, to hear explanations of the NSA program, the foreign ministry said.

Petrobras said in an emailed statement that it was aware of Globo's report and that it takes the most up-to-date precautions available to protect



Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff attends during a ceremony at the Planalto presidential palace, in Brasilia, Brazil, Monday, Sept. 9, 2013. Rousseff again demanded answers from the U.S. government Monday after a new report about National Security Agency spying on Brazil. The report broadcast by the Globo TV network Sunday night, based on leaked documents from Edward Snowden, said the NSA targeted Brazil's state-run oil firm Petrobras.

(AP Photo/Eraldo Peres)

its computer network.

Earlier reports based on Snowden's documents revealed the existence of the NSA's PRISM program, which gives the agency comprehensive access to customer data from companies like Google and Facebook.

Separate reports last week in the Guardian, New York

Times and ProPublica, also based on Snowden's leak, said the NSA and its British counterpart had developed "new access opportunities" into Google's computers by 2012, but the documents didn't indicate how extensive the project was or what kind of data it could access.

James Clapper, director of

U.S. national intelligence, said in a statement that "it is not a secret that the Intelligence Community collects information about economic and financial matters, and terrorist financing." The NSA collects the information to provide "the United States and our allies early warning of international financial crises which could negatively impact the global economy," the statement said. "It also could provide insight into other countries' economic policy or behavior which could affect global markets." It said the intelligence community's "efforts to understand economic systems and policies and monitor anomalous economic activities is critical to providing policy makers with the information they need to make informed decisions that are

in the best interest of our

national security."

# Venezuelan papers struggle with newsprint shortage

### CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

 The president of Venezuela's largest newspaper ested in limiting the cirassociation said Monday culation of newspapers," that government currency Natera said in a telephone controls have forced five provincial newspapers to stop printing because they could not import paper.

Bloque de Prensa President David Natera accused the government of strangling critical newspapers by restricting their access to the dollars needed to buy

"The government is interinterview.

"This is a new obstacle the government has erected." However, many other businesses complain about problems importing materials.

Many private health clinics say they have trouble aettina druas and medical

equipment. The government controls access to hard currency to try to limit devaluation of the local bolivar.

rejected similar accusations from newspaper owners in the past, saying authorities have no intention of undermining the independent media.

Natera listed the papers forced to stop circulating as El Sol de Maturin in the

eastern state of Monagas, Anzoategui state's La Antorcha and the papers El Caribazo, La Hora and El Caribe on Margarita Island. Government officials have The Miami-based Inter-American Press Association, an organization of newspapers that promote press freedoms throughout the Americas, has said that the Venezuelan government's limit on newspapers' access to U.S. dollars weaken freedom of expression.



# Aruba Marriott Resort Reveals \$1.6M Renovated Grand Ballroom









PALM BEACH - The Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino recently invited local clients and members of the press to celebrate the re-launch of its newly renovated \$1.6 million Grand Ballroom.

General Manager Tom Calame and Senior Sales Manager Chela de Lannoycut the ceremonial red ribbon to officially re-open the Grand Ballroom and welcomed the invitees to a cocktail party in the revamped space.

"We are excited to be pulling a fresh and contemporary look into the Ballroom space as we work towards the new Marriott brand portfolio, 'future of meetings,'" said General Man-

ager Tom Calame. "Marriott's mission is to evolve meeting experiences through co-creation with customers and associations, and this new space is just the beginning in our efforts to bring in new ways to execute meetings."

The Aruba Marriott Sales, Events and Banquets team used this event to showcase the various setups they plan to offer clients for future meetings, banquet events and Christmas parties

Invitees included local busi-

nesses, the Aruba Tourism Authority CEO and management team, Aruba Hotel and Tourism Authority management and local press. Attendees enjoyed sushi, wok & carving stations, passed hord'overes and a full bar selection, while getting a sneak peek at the décor & set-up now available for meetings and group functions in the new ballroom.





# Trop Club & Casino Introduces Exciting New Bingo!

**EAGLE BEACH** - During the month of August Trop Club & Casino thrilled its members with two distinctly different and exciting promotions, the Trop Drop Challenger and Rolling for Riches!

The Trop Drop Challenge was a fun Balloon Drop, designed to reward the Trop Advantage Members, for their loyalty and repeat

visits. More than 200 balloons were dropped in two nightly sessions, for two seperate age groups. They were filled with tickets for prizes and gave the general public congregating at Buster's Sports Bar & Grille, a good reason to cheer.

Rolling For Riches, was an equally entertaining promotion, rewarding casino patrons who are members

of the Trop Club & Casino Advantage Club. The giant dice were rolled in the casino for cash prizes, which could be multiplied with winnings up to \$1,200

This week for September, Bingo was introduced with three different times, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday, starting at 4pm on Tuesday and Saturday and 5pm on











Friday. Bingo costs \$6 for 9 games, plus power ball, t5otaling \$1,500 in cash prizes. Patrons are encouraged to buy a stamp for \$2 for a chance to double their prizes.

In addition, to spice up the weekend, Sunday, the casino offers Silent Bingo, starting at 4pm. Players must be enrolled in the Trop Advantage Club to participate, earning a free bingo care for every 25 points accumulated on slot machines on previous days, for a maximum of 5 cards per player per day. The prizes, a total of \$500 in slot credit and \$100 in cash, will surely please the bingo lovers in attendance.

The Trop Club & Casino is an intimate boutique casino featuring the most popular slot machines and all the best table games. With 100 slots and 7 table games including Roulette, Blackjack, Three-Card Poker, and Let-it-Ride, the Trop Club offers a full range of gaming excitement!

In addition, the Trop Club & Casino is home to Buster's Sports Bar & Grille - catch all the games, try their signature chicken wings and stay up to date with your family members friends or all other sport events with Buster's free Wi-Fi.

# Loyal Guests Honored By ATA

PALM BEACH - Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring two friendly travelers and their families for their consecutive annual visits to Aruba! The honorees were Gloria Mathison de Pilo of Maracaibo, Venezuela, as Goodwill Ambassador for 25 years, and Jorge Pilo de Mathison of Maracaibo, Venezuela as Goodwill Ambassador for 25 years.

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Darline S. de Cuba representing Aruba Tourism Authority and Yvette Tromp conducted the ceremony at Playa Linda Beach Resort. Top reasons for returning provided by the honorees were they consider Aruba to be the "Happy Island," the great weather, and the Friendly Aruban Hospitality.



# Jolly Pirates: The crew and ship with personality!





PALM BEACH - From the moment you step aboard his charming Old World Teak Schooners, you will discover the colorful personalities of Captain Harald, the ship's hands-on owner, and his crew, who literally turn flips to please their guests. Jolly Pirates crew members hail from different places, but all share a complementary sense of fun and friendliness. Captains Ronal and Julio from Colombia and Captain Edwin, from Peru have a dry, biting humor that results in a moment's hesitation before a bright chorus of laughter from their guests. Other favorites include the always-smiling Javier, the charmer and rounding out the team are JC and Osmar from Cuba, professional gymnasts. Rick from Holland is the ship's lead line-dancer and Guido, First officer and bartender extraordinaire and Jose Amore, from Venezuela,



who swears he knows all the fish and sea turtles by their first names.

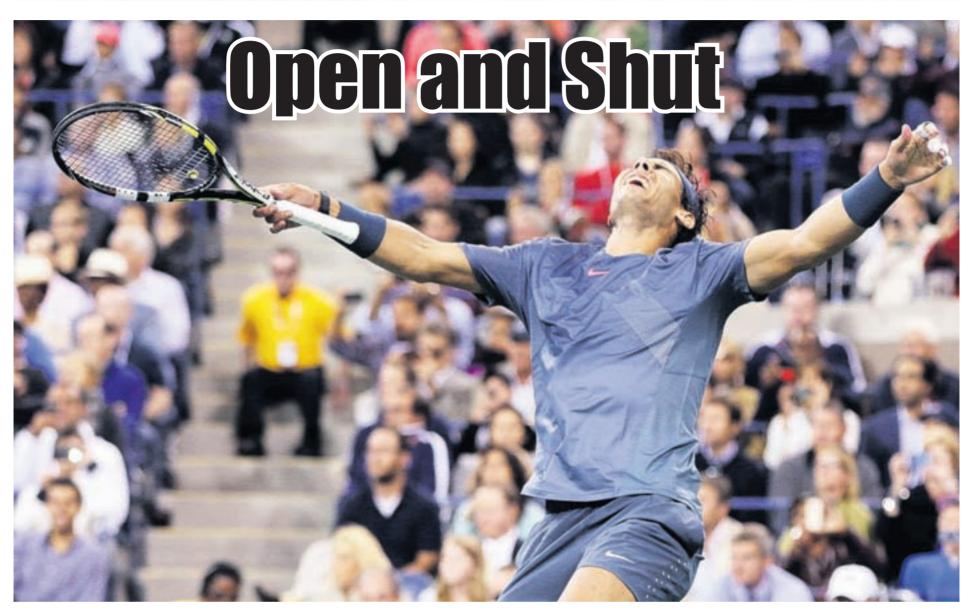
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Rafael Nadal, of Spain, reacts after defeating Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, during the men's singles final of the 2013 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday, Sept. 9, 2013, in New York.

**Associated Press** 

# Nadal tops Djokovic for 13th major title

### **HOWARD FENDRICH AP Tennis Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Hard to believe this is the same Rafael Nadal who was home during the U.S. Open a year ago, nursing a bad left knee.

Hard to believe this is the guy sent packing in the first round of Wimbledon in June, losing against someone ranked 135th.

maybe even better than ever, the No. 2-ranked Nadal pulled away from No. 1 Novak Diokovic 6-2. 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 on Monday in a taut, tense U.S. Open final

"Very, very emotional, no?" Nadal said during the oncourt trophy presentation. "Probably only my team knows how much (this) means for me."

They started in sunlight and finished at night, a 3-hour, 21-minute miniseries of cliffhangers and plot twists and a pair of protagonists who inspired standing ovations in the middle of games.

Looking fit as can be and There was no quit in either of them, during points that lasted 15, 25, even more than 50 strokes.

"Probably nobody brings my game to the limit like Novak," said Nadal, who for his 13th Grand Slam title. collected \$3.6 million in

prize money, including a \$1 million bonus for results during the North American hard-court circuit.

This was their 37th match against each other, the most between any two men in the Open era, and Nadal has won 22. It also was their third head-tohead U.S. Open final in the last four years. Nadal beat Djokovic for the 2010 title, and Djokovic won their rematch in 2011.

They know each other's games so well, and play such similar hustle-to-everyball styles, but in the end, it was Nadal who was superior.

"He was too good. He definitely deserved to win this match today and this trophy," Djokovic said. "Obviously disappointing to lose a match like this."

Nadal improved to 22-0 on hard courts and 60-3 overall in 2013 with nine titles, including at the French Open, which made him the first man with at least total of 13 major championships ranks third in the history of men's tennis, behind only Roger Federer's 17 and Pete Sampras' 14. Nadal no longer wears the

strips of white tape he once did to bolster his left knee, and the way he covered the court against Djokovic switching from defense to offense in a blink proved that while he says he still feels pain in that leg, he definitely does not have problems moving around. These are the same two who played the longest one Grand Slam trophy in Grand Slam final in history, nine consecutive seasons. a nearly six-hour struggle The 27-year-old Spaniard's that left both needing to sit in chairs during the ceremony after Djokovic's victory at the 2012 Australian Open.

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### **WNBA** Capsules

# Riquna Williams sets WNBA record with 51 points

### The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Riquna Williams set a WNBA record with 51 points to help the Tulsa Shock rout the San Antonio Silver Stars 98-65 on Sunday.

The second-year guard out of Miami surpassed the previous record of 47 points set by Phoenix's Diana Taurasi against Houston on Aug. 10, 2006 and matched by Seattle's Lauren Jackson against Washington on July 24, 2007.

Williams was 17 for 28 from the field and hit eight 3-pointers for Tulsa (11-21). She had 20 points in the third quarter after scoring 16 in the first half.

Fans were cheering for her to get the ball in the final minutes of the game.

Jia Perkins scored 21 points to lead San Antonio (11-21). MERCURY 79, DREAM 71

ATLANTA (AP) — Diana Taurasi scored 25 points, Candice Dupree added 15 as the Mercury won their third straight game with a victory over the Dream.

25 points and Erika de Souza had 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Dream (17-14). The loss ended Atlanta's three-game winning streak.

Phoenix (17-13) never trailed after Taurasi's layup midway through the first quarter.

Tiffany Hayes, who scored 19 points off the bench for Atlanta, cut the lead to 74-67 with a 3-pointer. But in the last 3 minutes, she had a turnover and missed two layups and two 3s. McCoughtry, the WNBA's lead-

ing scorer, hit a free throw to cut the lead to 74-71, but she missed a 3 and a 20-footer before fouling out with 25.8 seconds to go.

Centers Brittney Griner and de Souza tangled at the 6:46 mark of the third and had to be separated by officials and teammates.

SKY 93, MYSTICS 79

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elena Delle Donne scored 22 points as the Sky beat Washington to pre-

Angel McCoughtry finished with vent the Mystics from clinching a playoff spot.

> Epiphanny Prince added 21 points for the Sky (22-9), who have already clinched the Eastern Conference's top playoff spot and finished the five-game season series with four victories over the Mystics.

> Swin Cash had 16 points and Sylva Fowles had 13 points and nine rebounds as Chicago won its seventh game in its last eight. Ivory Latta scored 18 points on six 3-pointers for Washington, which closed within two points in the third quarter but never led after the first. The Mystics have lost two straight.

> Crystal Langhorne added 16 points for the Mystics, who can still clinch their first playoff berth in three seasons with a win or a loss by New York. Washington visits Indiana on Tuesday night, while New York hosts Phoenix.

> In other WNBA games it was Phoenix 79, Atlanta 71; Chicago 93, Washington 79; and Tulsa 98, San Antonio 65.



In this July 17, 2013 file photo, Tulsa Shock's Riguna Williams shoots a free throw against the Seattle Storm in the first half of a WNBA basketball game in Seattle. With the Shock playing for little more than pride after missing the playoffs for the fourth straight season, Williams broke the WNBA's scoring mark with 51 points to help Tulsa rout the San Antonio Silver Stars 98-65 on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013.

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# Nadal

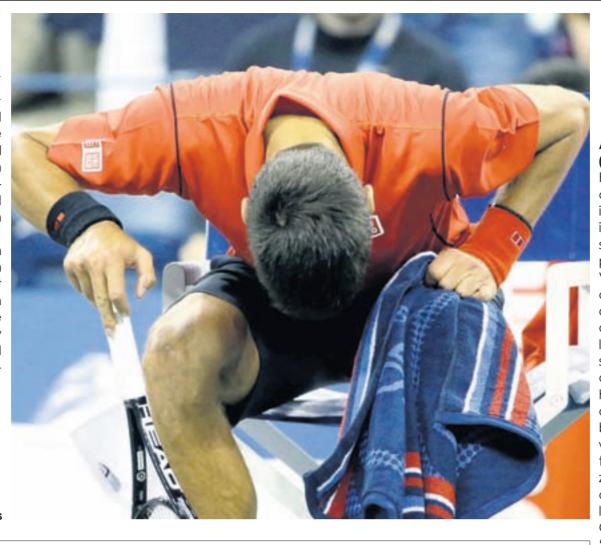
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This time, when it ended with a forehand into the net by Djokovic, Nadal dropped to his back on the court, saluted by an Arthur Ashe Stadium crowd that included the Queen of Spain.

Nadal was relentless from shot to shot, yes, and from point to point, too, but what might have been most impressive was the way he stayed steady when Djokovic recovered from a rough start and began asserting himself.

Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, sits down after losing the third set to Rafael Nadal, of Spain, during the men's singles final of the 2013 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday, Sept. 9, 2013, in New York.

**Associated Press** 



### **MLS Roundup**

# Henry, Steele lead Red Bulls past Dynamo



New York Red Bulls forward Thierry Henry dribbles the ball during the first half of an MLS soccer game against the D.C. United, Saturday, March 16, 2013, in Harrison, N.J.

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Thierry Henry put New York ahead in the 47th minute and Jonathan Steele scored one goal and set up another as the Red Bulls beat the Houston Dynamo 4-1 in Major League Soccer on Sunday. Eric Alexander, Jonathan Steele and Lloyd Sam also scored for New York as the Red Bulls found the net three times in the second half. Jason Johnson scored

for Houston.

Montreal's Patrice Bernier kicked two penalties in the first half and Marco DiVaio also had a double to lead the Impact over the New England Revolution 4-2.

The Impact played a man down for most of the match after goalkeeper Matt Reis was shown a red card for pulling down DiVaio while attempting to retrieve a loose ball in the box.

# Barguil wins 16th Vuelta stage, Nibali keeps lead

**ARAMON FORMIGAL, Spain** (AP) — Warren Barguil of France won the mountainous 16th stage of the Spanish Vuelta by perfectly timing his final sprint up the steep Aramon Formigal peak on Monday, while Vincenzo Nibali fended off his rivals to retain the overall lead. The 21-yearold Argos-Shimano rider looked tired in the final stretch up the category 1 ascent, but finished in 3 hours, 43 minutes, 31 seconds, just ahead of Rigoberto Uran of Colombia, who finished with the same time. Poland's Bartosz Huzarski was third, three seconds behind, on the 146-kilometer (91-mile) ride from Graus to Aramon Formigal. "Today it was a very nice race for me," Barguil said. "I had very good legs and I attacked. Then, when I saw Uran coming after me, I thought I would wait a bit and held back to see if I could still sprint a bit at the end, and I did." Nibali also appeared to struggle on the final ascent, losing time to Christopher Horner of the United States, but he remained in the overall lead, 28 seconds ahead of the American. "It was a difficult stage with the wind against us," Nibali said. "I thought I would be in better shape, but it was a very difficult ascent. The last three kilometers were very tough, especially after three difficult days of racing, but I'm still optimistic." With three kilometers to go, Uran began to attack Barguil on the climb up the 5,906-foot Aramon Formigal peak, which is set in the landscape mountainous of the former kingdom of Aragon, now a region in northeastern Spain.The stage had also included a category-3 climb up Puerto de la Foradada and a category-2 ascent up Puerto de Cotefablo. The race resumes after a day's rest with the 17th stage on Wednesday, a 189-kilometer (117-mile) ride from

Calahorra to Burgos.



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**NL Capsules** 

# Cardinals make it a sweep over Pirates

**The Associated Press** 

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Michael Wacha pitched seven shutout innings and drove in two runs as the St. Louis Cardinals routed the Pittsburgh Pirates 9-2 Sunday for a three-game sweep.

The Cardinals outscored Pittsburgh 26-10 overall in taking the NL Central lead. The Pirates arrived at Busch Stadium this weekend with a 1½-game division lead and a chance to cement their first winning season since 1992.

They left trailing the Cardinals by 1½ games and still stuck on 81 victories.

Wacha (3-0) allowed two hits and walked two, both of which were erased on

double plays. He struck out two and never had more than one runner on at a time.

Pittsburgh starter Charlie Morton (7-4) left with discomfort in his left foot in the second inning. He allowed five runs on six hits and two walks in 1 2-3 innings.

PHILLIES 3, BRAVES 2

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Darin Ruf hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the eighth inning to back a strong outing by starting pitcher Cole Hamels and lift the Phillies to a victory and three-game sweep over the Braves.

Hamels (7-13) gave up just two hits, both homers, and two runs over eight innings. He struck out nine and

walked two. He retired the side in order four times.

B.J. Rosenberg earned his first career save with a perfect ninth inning.

David Carpenter (3-1) took the loss for allowing Ruf's homer in the eighth.

Evan Gattis hit two solo home runs for the Braves. His first, in the second inning, traveled 480 feet to center field. In the seventh, he tied the game with a long ball that went deep into the left-field bleachers. It was his first career multihomer game.

**GIANTS 3, DIAMONDBACKS** 2, 11 innings

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Angel Pagan singled home the winning run in the 11th

St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Michael Wacha throws to a Pittsburgh Pirates batter in the first inning in a baseball game Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013, at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

**Associated Press** 

# Flames G Kiprusoff retires from NHL

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Miikka Kiprusoff is leaving the NHL and the Calgary Flames on his terms.

The veteran goalie announced his retirement on Monday after 12 NHL seasons, the last nine with the Flames — the club with which he wanted to finish his career.

The 36-year-old Kiprusoff, who began his career with the San Jose Sharks, joined the Flames in 2003 and helped lead them to the Stanley Cup finals the following year.

He made the decision to retire at the end of last season, but thought about it Although he didn't have over the summer before making an official announcement that he was

"100 percent sure."

"It's an important decision for me personally, my family, the Flames organization and fans," Kiprusoff said in a release. "I've been very lucky to have spent 10 years of my career in Cal-

There is no better place to live and play."

The native of Turku, Finland holds Flames records with 305 wins, 576 games played, and 41 shutouts.

With the Flames well out of playoff contention last season, the team discussed dealing Kiprusoff at the trade deadline.

a no-trade clause, Kiprusoff indicated he wouldn't report to a new team if



In this Jan. 23, 2013 file photo, Calgary Flames' goalie Miikka Kiprusoff, of Finland, makes a save against the Vancouver Canucks during the third period of an NHL hockey game in Van-

**Associated Press** 

dealt. The Toronto Maple Leafs were unsuccessful in aettina him to change his

"Miikka has been up front with us since the trade deadline that he wanted to finish his outstanding playing career as a Flames

player, and that the 2013 season was going to be his last," Calgary general manager Jay Feaster said. "We, as an organization, made it clear to Kipper that we did not want him to make a rash or hasty decision. 🔲

inning to lead the Giants past the Diamondbacks. Pagan singled sharply off Joe Thatcher (3-2) after Hector Sanchez singled and Gregor Blanco reached safely on a fielder's choice. Pinch runner Ehire Adrianza beat the throw home.

Javier Lopez (3-2) got the win. Sanchez also drove in a run for the Giants, who split the series with Arizona. Eric Chavez and A.J. Pollack each drove in runs for the Diamondbacks, who had won three of their last

In other NL games it was N.Y. Mets 2, Cleveland 1; Washington 6, Miami 4; Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 2; St. Louis 9, Pittsburgh 2; Milwaukee 3, Chicago Cubs 1; San Francisco 3, Arizona 2, 11 innings; San Diego 5, Colorado 2; and Cincinnati 3, L.A. Dodgers 2.

### **AL Capsules**

# White Sox end 9-game skid, Yankees avoid sweep

runner Chris Dickerson got lost on the bases and was doubled up for the final out as the Chicago White Sox ended a nine-game losing streak by holding off the Baltimore Orioles 4-2 Sunday.Down 4-1, Baltimore loaded the bases with no outs in the ninth against Addison Reed. After Ryan Flaherty grounded into a forceout at second base that scored a run, Dickerson ran for him.

Dickerson tried to steal second on a pitch to Brian Roberts, who hit a foul pop near first base. Dickerson didn't know where the ball went, and the baserunning blunder made him an easy out at first.

Rookie Andre Rienzo (2-1) pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning and Adam Dunn homered. Reed wound up with his 37th save.

Adam Jones hit his 31st home run for the Orioles. Bud Norris (10-11) took the loss for the wild-card contenders.

### YANKEES 4, RED SOX 3

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Ichiro Suzuki scored on Brandon Workman's wild pitch with two outs in the ninth inning as the New York Yankees

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Pinch- overcame Mariano Rivera's blown save to avoid a four-game sweep by Bos-

> The AL East-leading Red Sox had won five in a row. Rivera (5-2) came in to start the eighth for the first time since 2006. Will Middlebrooks' leadoff homer in the ninth gave Rivera his seventh blown save in 48 chances.

> Suzuki hit a one-out single off Workman (5-3) in the bottom half, stole second and advanced to third on Vernon Wells' fly to right.

Workman then threw a high pitch that deflected off the mitt of catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia and caromed away off the backstop, allowing Suzuki to score easily.

### **RAYS 4, MARINERS 1**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Pinch-hitter Sean Rodriguez had a goahead single in the eighth inning as the Tampa Bay Rays rallied past Seattle to build their wild-card edge. The Rays lead Baltimore and Cleveland, who both lost, by two games for the second AL wild-card spot. Trailing 1-0, Tampa Bay scored three times in the eighth. Rodriguez broke a tie with an RBI single and another run came home



Chicago White Sox left fielder Dayan Viciedo, left, gives teammate Conor Gillaspie a leaping high five after a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles, Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013, in Baltimore. Chicago won 4-2.

**Associated Press** 

when center fielder Abraham Almonte bobbled the

Jake McGee (4-3) got two outs and the win. Fernando Rodney closed for his 33rd save in 41 chances. Yoervis Medina (4-5) lost in relief. **ROYALS 5, TIGERS 2** 

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)

- Bruce Chen picked up Kansas City's beleaguered starters with seven solid innings as the Royals defeat-

Chen (7-2), who moved into the rotation on July 12 after 19 relief appearances, limited the AL Central-leading Tigers to five hits and two runs over seven innings, earning the first victory for a starter on the Royals' seven-game homestand.

Eric Hosmer hit a three-run homer off Doug Fister (12-

### ATHLETICS 7, ASTROS 2 OAKLAND, California (AP)

 Bartolo Colon won for the first time in more than a month, Seth Smith homered during a seven-run third inning as the Oakland Athletics beat Houston.

Brandon Moss had three hits and drove in two runs while Yoenis Cespedes added two hits and an RBI for the AL West-leading A's. Colon (15-6) allowed one run and five hits in six innings for his first victory since July 26. The 40-yearold struck out seven and walked one, ending his five-game winless streak.

Lucas Harrell (6-16)pitched when scheduled starter Paul Clemens was scratched about an hour before the game because of a blister on his right



Oracle Team USA passes cheering spectators at Pier 27 after winning the fourth race of the America's Cup sailing event against Emirates Team New Zealand, Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013, in San Francisco. Emirates Team New Zealand won the third race and Oracle Team USA won the fourth race Sunday.

**Associated Press** 

BERNIE WILSON **AP Sports Writer** SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Oracle Team USA's heartstopping victory in Race 4 of the America's Cup may have saved the event as well as the syndicate's chances to retain the oldest trophy in international

Skipper Jimmy Spithill aggressively sailed Oracle's 72-foot catamaran to an 8-second victory against Emirates Team New Zea-

# Race 4 victory saves Oracle's Cup chances

land in the fog, wind and can flags. On Saturday, guys on board and it lifts salt spray on San Francisco Bay on Sunday.

Oracle Team USA, owned by software billionaire Larry Ellison, hopes the victory helps swing the momentum and allows it to learn a thing or two about what it's going to take to defeat a strong Kiwi team.

One of those things is court advantage, and it's home-water advantage.

The finish line of the five-leg course is just a few hundred yards off America's Cup Park on Pier 27-29 on the Embarcadero.

The end of the pier is packed with fans on race days, many of them waving New Zealand and Ameripolice closed off access to the area when the crowd reached about 3,500.

Spithill wants the fans to know that the sailors can hear them cheering as the races end and the boats fly across the line on hydrofoils."There's something about the home very hard to put a value on, but it makes a difference," said Spithill, an Australian who lives in San Diego with his American wife and their two young boys.

"The more people we can get behind us, the more good energy they can send our way. It affects the

them. We want to keep the Cup here.

We want to keep it on the bay. These guys don't," he said, referring to skipper Dean Barker and the rest of the New Zealand team. "They want to take it all the way down to New Zealand, which is a long way away. So we need to use that advantage. We need all the people from San Francisco and the U.S. to get behind us." The Race 4 victory came after Oracle — which has only two Americans on its 11-man crew — let the Kiwis come from behind to win Race 3.



# Robohand uses 3D printing to replace lost digits

**CARLEY PETESCH Associated Press** 

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Richard Van As, a South African carpenter, lost four fingers from his right hand to a circular saw two years

He was unable to afford the tens of thousands of dollars to get a myoelectric hand, which detects a muscle's electric impulses to activate an artificial limb.

"After my accident, I was in pain, but wouldn't take painkillers. I barely slept, and the more pain I had the more ideas I got," he told The Associated Press. "Sometimes you have to chop fingers off to start thinking."

He decided to build his own hand. After seeing a video posted online of a mechanical hand made for a costume in a theater production, he reached out to its designer, Ivan Owen, in Seattle.

Enter Robohand — a device that Van As and Owen invented that is made from cables, screws, 3D printing and thermoplastic. It uses the rotation of a joint to enable five plastic digits to grasp. The device looks like a robot's hand in a science fiction movie, costs about \$500 to make and can be reproduced using plans on the Internet and a 3D printer.

Van As is now on a mission to spread the mechanism to people without fingers or hands all over the world. The two gadget-lovers collaborated on developing a design for the device for a wide range of ages that could be used to grab objects, unlike most existing arm prostheses. Van As has fitted Robohands on about 170 people, from toddlers to adults, thanks to donations.

At first they used a milling machine, making Van As a metal robotic forefinger digit that helps him work in carpentry to this day. That's when they perfected the shape for the robotic fingers.

"Ivan was a gift to me," Van As said.

Then they turned to 3D

printing which creates the device in plastic. The 3D printer gives much greater flexibility, allowing the device to be re-sized on the computer for each user and then manufactured through the printer. A glove-like covering is fit-



In this photo taken Friday, Aug. 23, 2013 Dylan Laas shows how his Robohand works during an interview with the Associated Press in Johannesburg. Laas who was born with Amniotic Band Syndrome.

**Associated Press** 

ted in thermoplastic, and then fingers are created on the 3D printer by melting and stacking plastic to make Lego-like digits which are connected to the glove with small cables and screws.

The team got a boost when two printers were donated by the Brooklynbased Makerbot, one for use in Johannesburg and the other for Seattle.

"What was taking us two weeks to put together took us 20 hours," Van As said. He opened drawers full of bolts, screws and leftover hinges from the beginning phases of the project. "Now it looks easy."

They then started working on a design to help children with Amniotic Band Syndrome, a condition where children are born without appendages because their circulation is cut off in the womb by amniotic bands.

To spread the device as widely as possible, they made the Robohand an Open Source design available online, and Van As now collects donations to make hands for people

around the world.

"I don't want to make money out of misery," Van As said, dismissing the idea that he could make a profit on the mechanical hand. Robohands are different from other prostheses for three simple reasons: "functionality, simplicity and cost," Van As said.

He started with \$10,000 in donations from around the world. "I said I'd do about 100 hands then disappear, but it keeps going," said Van As. "How do you say no?"

Owen stopped working with Robohands in January to focus on education, "specifically on how to introduce the students of today to 3D printing," he

At \$500, a Robohand is significantly cheaper than the typical \$10,000 to \$15,000 cost for a conventional below-the-elbow prosthesis, said Eric Neufeld a U.S.based certified Prosthetist and Orthotist and the director of Range of Motion Project, known as ROMP, which provides prosthetic limbs to those who cannot afford them around the

"There are very few options just for digits, so that is another problem they are addressing," Neufeld said.

"It's a pioneering thing they are doing. It gets people thinking about what other components can be made in the same way," he said, adding that he will watch Robohands closely for possible use by his organization.

Eventually, Van As said he'd like to see Robohands kits available for sale at stores, so that anyone could simply build one for themselves. He's waiting for the design to be patented. Already people from Australia to Newfoundland are volunteering to print Robohands.

"We took the 3D printing world by surprise," Van As said. "It wasn't the first medical breakthrough in the 3D world, but people are eager to get a hold of it now."

Van As grins as he holds up a tiny white and blue Ro-



In this photo taken Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013 in Johannesburg Robohand inventor Richard van As, shows the workings of a digit that he has built for himself after losing four fingers to a circular saw two years ago.

**Associated Press** 

bohand in his shop. "This is for a 2 ½ year old in Australia." Casts of other arms are strewn about the garage workshop, which is also full of spools of 3D printing material, machines, experiments and constructions.

Twelve-year old Dylan Laas got his Robohand in March. His mother, Jacqui, said her son, who does not have a right hand because of Amniotic Band Syndrome, is approaching activities with new interest thanks to the gadget.

"It looks cool. It makes me look like Darth Vader ... It's fun to use," he said, adding that he can't wait to go swimming with it.

# EU: Google submits new proposals in antitrust case

**JUERGEN BAETZ Associated Press** 

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — Google has submitted new proposals to address concerns by Europe's antitrust watchdog that the U.S. internet giant is stifling competition, the European Commission said Monday.

The new concessions offered by Google come two months after the Commission, which acts as the 28-bloc's antitrust authority, rejected the company's initial proposals as insufficient. "We are analyzing it carefully," said Jonathan Todd, an EU Commission spokesman. "If we were satisfied with the proposals, then we could move toward a solution in the coming months," he added. The Commission has been "Given the failure of investigating Google Inc. Google to make a serious for three years over whether it has been abusing its dominance in Europe to unfairly favor its own services. Google is looking to address those concerns mainly by changing how it said in a statement.

displays search results. Google Inc.'s search engine enjoys a near-monopoly in Europe with a market share of about 90 percent. That gives it a huge edge over competitors to promote its own services such as Google News, Google Maps or its shopping and flight search functions.

A group of complainants in the case — comprising Microsoft, TripAdvisor and other Google rivals — said it wasn't enough for the Commission alone to review the new proposals. Instead they said all parties involved in the case should be allowed to test them and provide the Commission with feedback — a process referred to as market test.

offer last time around, we believe it is necessary that customers and competitors of Google be consulted in a full, second market test," the FairSearch group



# Stocks rise on mergers, homebuilder outlook

### **JOSHUA FREED AP Business Writer**

The stock market got a boost on Monday from mergers, homes, phones.

Stocks posted their biggest gains in almost two months. Two big deals suggested growing confidence in the economy: Luxury retailer Neiman Marcus was sold for \$6 billion, and Koch Industries bought electronics component maker Molex for \$7.2 billion.

Homebuilding stocks were some of the biggest gainers in the Standard & Poor's 500 index after Hovnavian Enterprises said home prices are rising and its backlog jumped almost 27 percent from a year earlier.

Hovnanian rose 11 cents, or 2.2 percent, to close at \$5.15. PulteGroup, D.R. Horton and Lennar also gained. Homebuilder MDC Holdings rose \$1.72, or 6.2 percent, to \$29.37 after an upgrade from a Citi analyst.

Homebuilding stocks have had a volatile vear. Investors have been bullish because the housing market is recovering, but worried that rising interest rates make mortgages more expensive for home buyers.

Apple rose. It's expected to announce a new iPhone on Tuesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 140.62 points, or 1 percent, to 15,063.12. The Dow hit an all-time high

worries about Syria and rising interest rates pushed stocks down since then. The last time the Dow closed above 15,000 was Aug. 23. The S&P 500 index rose 16.54 points, or 1 percent, to 1,671.71. The Nasdaq composite rose 46.17 points, or

of 15,658 on Aug. 2. But nents show up in a wide variety of products, including housing and autos, so Koch's interest suggests that it sees broad economic improvement. Also, Koch is paying a large premium for Molex.

Koch is paying \$38.50 per share, 31 percent over Mo\$500 per share. It last closed above that level on Aug. 26. Apple gained \$7.95, or 1.6 percent, to \$506.17 on Monday in advance of an expected iPhone announcement on Tuesday. Delta Air Lines jumped \$1.87, or 9.4 percent, to \$21.76 after news that it



Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange in New York. The stock market got a boost on Monday from mergers, homes, and phones.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

1.3 percent, to 3,706.18. Both the Dow and the S&P 500 had their biggest daily gains since July 11.

All 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 rose. The index rose for the fifth day in a row, the longest since eight days of gains in July.

Two things about the Koch-Molex deal grabbed investors' attention: Its compo-

lex's stock price on Friday. Molex soared \$9.29, or almost 32 percent, to \$38.63 on Monday.

"I think it's really exciting for just about everybody to see that big of a deal go through," said Kim Forrest, senior analyst with portfolio management firm Fort Pitt Capital Group in Pittsburgh. Apple rose back above would be added to the S&P 500 index. That benefits Delta because mutual funds and other investors that track the S&P 500 will now have to buy Delta's stock.

JPMorgan analyst Jamie Baker estimated that inclusion in the index will add demand for almost 89 million Delta shares.

# Publisher of Politico buys Capital New York

### **BRIAN STELTER** © 2013 New York Times

Robert Allbritton, the publisher of the Washington news publication Politico, said Monday that he had acquired the 3-year-old news website Capital New York and that he intended to turn it into a version of Politico for the Empire State. "I have very big ambitions for this publication: to do in New York what we did in Washington with Politico," Allbritton said in an email to Politico staff.

The announcement came six weeks after Allbritton sold his family's seven television stations, including one

in Washington, for nearly itors of Capital New York, \$1 billion. He had said that he wanted to concentrate on digital businesses like Politico, and the purchase of Capital New York - for a small, undisclosed amount - attested to that plan.

"I believe powerfully that nonpartisan publications with an intense focus on a specific set of topics can break though quickly, editorially and financially," Allbritton said in a statement Monday morning. "I'm excited to take the impressive work Benson and Mc-Geveran did with Capital to the next level."

The founders and co-ed-

Josh Benson and Tom Mc-Geveran, will continue to run it on a daily basis. Allbritton named Jim Vande-Hei, Politico's co-founder and executive editor, to be president of Capital New York, and two other Politico veterans were appointed to newly created business posts. VandeHei, who will stay in Washington, said he sees his role as teaching "the tricks we have learned about voice, velocity, efficiency and business to the gang leading Capital day to day." Capital New York is in some ways an embryonic version of Politico: With

a small staff of seven that hustles to break news on political and media beats, it has begun to establish itself as a competitor to New York's newspapers and niche publications.

Through the acquisition by Allbritton, Capital New York will gain an ability to grow the staff and, as Benson and McGeveran put it in a editors' note to readers, "be much more ambitious than ever before about our editorial mission, which is to be a primary source of reporting for knowledgeable readers on the workings of the greatest city in the world."

### **Koch Industries** buys Molex Inc. for \$7.2 Billion

LISLE, Illinois (AP) — Koch Industries Inc. is buying electronic components and cables maker Molex for \$7.2 billion.

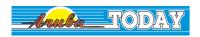
Koch — run by the billionaire brothers Charles and David — said Monday that it will pay \$38.50 per Molex

share. That's a 31 percent premium to the company's common stock price of \$29.34 on Friday.

The companies put the deal's total value at \$7.2 billion when stock options and restricted stock for Molex are added to the valuation of its outstanding shares. Molex Inc. has about 178.2 million outstanding shares, according to FactSet.

Molex will remain headauartered in Lisle, Illinois and keep its current management team. Molex will also keep its company name and will run as a Koch subsidiary.

Koch, based in Wichita, Kansas, owns a variety of businesses, including the paper and paper products maker Georgia-Pacific; an oil refinery and chemicals company; a pipeline company; a cattle company; a fertilizer company; and commodity trading and services companies. It has annual sales of \$115 billion. Earlier this year, a Koch subsidiary made a \$240 million investment in American Greetings Corp. to assist the company's transition to private ownership. Its refinery subsidiary bought two ethanol plants. Also this year, company acknowledged interest in buying media companies, though it dropped a pursuit of buying newspapers owned by the Tribune Co. of Chicago. Last year Koch bought a 45 percent interest in Guardian Industries Corp., a maker of glass and automotive products. Chairman and CEO Charles Koch said in a statement that Molex "matches up well with our culture and our core capabilities. It also provides a significant new platform for growth."



# Shell, TV exec, taking over at Universal Studios

**BROOKS BARNES** 

© 2013 New York Times LOS ANGELES - Jeff Shell, an NBCUniversal television executive, will soon take over day-to-day operations at Universal Studios, according to three people briefed on the development. Ron Meyer, who has been the movie and theme park company's president for 18 years, is expected to move up the ladder at NBCUniversal. A Universal Studios spokeswoman did not respond to a query.

Meyer, 69, the longest-serving chief of a major movie studio, is expected to become a vice chairman of NBCUniversal, which was purchased by Comcast

in 2011. In that role, these people said, Meyer would help Shell get up to speed on the movie business. Shell has most recently served as chairman of NBCUniversal International, where he helped manage overseas film marketing and distribution but has largely focused on television. He previously ran Comcast's cable net-

By choosing one of its own executives to succeed Meyer - rather than promote from within Universal - Comcast would be signaling that the studio is now firmly nested inside a corporate structure that cares as much about funneling content to cable and vid-

eo-on-demand services as it does about theatrical hits. Comcast has made multiple changes on the television side of NBCUniversal but has left the film and theme park unit largely alone, leading to speculation about its future.

It was unclear how Shell's arrival would affect Adam Fogelson, chairman of Universal Pictures, if at all.

The regime change at Universal, which has been speculated about in Hollywood for months, comes as the studio is rebounding at the box office after a long fallow period. Recent hits have included "Fast & Furious 6" and "Despicable Me 2." Meyer was in Toronto on Sunday to introduce "Rush," a Ron Howard sports movie being mooted as an Oscar contender.

With Meyer at the helm, Universal has been one of the movie industry's most stable studios, at least from a management perspective. A consummate Hollywood player, Meyer is known for surviving a series of ownership changes at Universal; the studio has been bought and sold at least four times in recent decades.

Universal now joins 20th Century Fox, Walt Disney Studios and Warner Bros., all of which have undergone executive shuffling in their highest ranks over the past year and a half.

### STREET BRIEFS

### Oil drops from its 2-year high

WASHINGTON (AP) - The price of oil fell retreated from a two-year high Monday as the prospects of a U.S. attack against Syria remained unclear. U.S. benchmark oil for October delivery fell \$1.01 to close at \$109.52 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Friday, oil gained \$2.16 to close at \$110.53, the highest closing price since May 3, 2011. President Barack Obama has called for military action against the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad in retaliation for what the White House savs was a chemical weapons attack against civilians in suburban Damascus last month. Brent, the benchmark for international crudes, dropped \$2.40, or 2.1 percent, to \$113.72 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London. In other energy futures trading on Nymex: Wholesale gasoline fell 5 cents to \$2.80 per gallon; Natural gas rose 8 cents to \$3.61 per 1,000 cubic feet; Heating oil retreated 5 cents to \$3.12 per gallon.

### **US floats high** speed trading

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators took a step toward stricter oversight of the high-speed trading market, putting forward a broad range of possible rules for public comment. The Commodity Futures Trading Commission floated the potential restrictions less than a month after the Nasdaa exchange suffered a three-hour trading outage. The outage was the latest in a series of disruptions to stoke concerns about high-speed trading. Among the ideas put forth by the CFTC: Requiring exchanges to routinely tests equipment at trading firms; develop training standards for individuals at firms who oversee the automated systems; have exchanges set maximum sizes for trading orders.

# Carl Icahn ends takeover battle for Dell

### **TOM MURPHY AP Business Writer**

Billionaire investor Carl Icahn is giving up his bitter takeover fight for Dell Inc. a few days before shareholders are scheduled to consider the latest buyout offer from the struggling computer maker's founder Michael Dell.

Icahn said Monday in a letter to shareholders that he still thinks Michael Dell's bid to take his company private undervalues the business and freezes shareholders out of any future gains. But Icahn also said it would be "almost impossible" to defeat that offer in a vote scheduled for Thursday.

Icahn and another major Dell shareholder, Southeastern Asset Management, said they won't pursue additional efforts to defeat it.

"We therefore congratulate Michael Dell and I intend to call him to wish him good luck (he may need it)," Icahn wrote in the let-

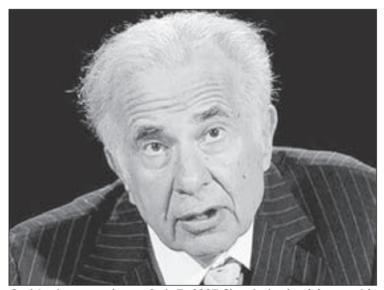
private includes an offer of \$13.75 per share plus a 13cent dividend. Dell raised that bid last month after previous offers also drew strong criticism from Icahn and other major Dell Inc. investors.

Dell's shares have plunged

by more than 40 percent to endure without Wall for a second stint as CEO in 2007. largely because the company has had trouble adapting to a technological shift that has caused PC sales to fall as more people use smartphones and tab-

since Michael Dell returned Street's fixation on shortterm results. But Icahn has said the buv-

out would keep stockholders from sharing gains the company will reap from an eventual turnaround. His announcement Monday comes more than a month



Carl Icahn, seen in an Oct. 7, 2007 file photo, is giving up his bitter takeover fight for Dell Inc. a few days before shareholders are scheduled to consider the latest buyout offer from the struggling computer maker's founder Michael Dell.

(AP Photos/Mark Lennihan

The company said last month that its fiscal sec-Michael Dell's \$24.8 billion ond-quarter earnings fell 72 bid to take his company percent, in part because ing Dell is far from over." of price-cutting aimed at slowing a sales decline.

Michael Dell wants to take his company private and diversify. He foresees the business going through a painful transition that will likely hurt earnings, something that will be easier

after he vowed to keep fighting Michael Dell's bid and said "the war regard-

Icahn wanted to oust Dell's board and pursue a complex alternative to Michael Dell's bid that Icahn has said would be worth at least \$15.50 per share. He has said that if his board candidates were elected, he could guarantee that Michael Dell would no longer be CEO.

Icahn told CNBC Monday afternoon that he was close to getting a "top name" he declined to identify to serve as CEO.

Ultimately, though, Icahn told fellow investors that a Delaware court ruling and the higher bid from Michael Dell and Silver Lake Partners — they had raised the offer from \$13.65 per share and added the dividend — hurt his chances in Thursday's vote.

Icahn wanted the vote on Michael Dell's offer and the company's annual meeting to be scheduled the same day so he could oust the board. But he noted in his shareholder letter that a Delaware judge ruled that the gap between Thursday's vote and the annual meeting set for next month was legal.

The investor said he believed that combining those meetings would have pressured Michael Dell and Silver Lake to raise his offer even more.

Icahn also had complained that Dell's directors unfairly favored Michael Dell by moving up the investment date that makes a shareholder eligible to vote and by counting only votes that were actually cast, excluding those controlled by Michael Dell's group.

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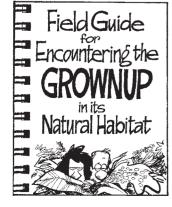








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# New York Fashion Week: Bait to tease your desire

**CATHY HORYN** © 2013 New York Times

**NEW YORK** - People with a reasonably serious view of fashion often ask: Where are the new ideas? And more often than not, this question is directed at New York designers, who tend to copy or dress up generic styles.

But until there are real technical advances in fashion - new materials, alternatives to a sewing machine - there won't be new ideas. A gifted designer like Miuccia Prada can generate an emotional response to her clothes by connecting them to available ideas in culture, but she's not really dealing in new design ideas.

In his latest Dior show, Raf Simons questioned some of the most basic assumptions about fashion: What is individuality? How are clothes presented on a runway? But while his method is extremely stimulating (and getting big results at Dior), it is another way of examining fashion's own properties. It's not breaking out of them. And it can't, so long as the various forms of clothing - jacket, skirt, dress - remain unchanged.

It seems quite enough to me that designers are sincere and straightforward, that they tackle the problems that relate to their own aesthetic (say, prints or knitwear), and that they have some ability to plant the hook of desire.

Tops in that class for spring, so far, are Joseph Altuzarra and Louise Goldin. Several times in the past few years, Altuzarra has moved away from dressy, hard-edge tailoring and embraced soft clothes with a sportswear feel. He is really better at the second approach.

For one thing, he is not afraid of something as ordinary as a skirt and a shirt, and, for another, he has enough curiosity to make them interesting. His reference point was the everyday clothing of Japanese farmers and fishermen. Turning the practical into high fashion has been a tactic since Coco Chanel, so it's hardly new.

But Altuzarra refreshes it

a blue or red striped cream silk based on a French ticking pattern, high-quality cotton shirting and a washed silk that has a velvety feel. The way these fabrics (or knits) were used together in a single shape or outfit was also part of his relaxed message.

Lately, designers have be-

with superlight fabrics, like Overall, there was an undressed feeling about the clothes. The below-theknee skirts had side slits loosely closed with cords; in spite of their graceful line, they vaguely suggested sarongs. A tuxedo jacket was closed with a single strap at the bust. Sometimes the most naked-seeming looks were actually covered up.

ga, among other high-end labels, has become a minority partner. Goldin's specialty is knits,

and like Altuzarra, she's good at filtering information. Nothing is ever literal. When she showed flirty white skirts in a dense, flat knit, I didn't for a minute think of tennis, though it was her reference. If the



Models, center, wear a leather jacket over a cotton pique skirt, left, and a cotton V-neck and skirt with metallic sheen, right, from the Rag & Bone spring 2014 collection during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in New York. Rag & Bone showed pieces from their ready-to-wear collection like cotton overalls and exaggerated tennis sweaters over shimmery pastels.

One such body-skimming

(Valerio Mezzanotti/The New York Times)

come a little wacky with bonded fabrics, in the belief they give a modern edge. That's debatable. Altuzarra combined cream silk and light blue cotton in a long nipped-waist shirt that looked as sporty as a half-buttoned cardigan. The shirts may have evolved from the recent pajama-top fad. If so, Altuzarra found a smart way to advance a widely popular

Either way, it was a simple idea, well executed.

dress came in navy washed silk, with a black knit pullover incorporated into the one-piece outfit. Though elegant, it looked as offhand and comfortable as a worn cotton undergarment pulled over the body. Last week, Altuzarra's company announced that Kering, the Paris group that owns Gucci and Balenciapinks, grays and deep greens seem to have a Palm Springs cast, you'd be correct. Goldin visited the area while attending a summer music festival with her husband.

"There's so much creativity in the mind," she said. But it's how she selects, and resolves, those ideas that make her designs compelling. 🔲

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# Logging threatens Monarch butterflies in Mexico

**Associated Press** MEXICO CITY (AP) - A

new study of the Monarch butterflies' winter nesting grounds in central Mexico shows that small-scale logging is more extensive than previously thought, and may be contributing to the threats facing the Monarch's singular migration pattern.

The reserve's 33,482-acre (13,550-hectare) zone has lost 41 acres (16.6 hectares) of pine and fir trees so far in 2013, about half of that because of illegal logging, according to a new study co-authored by Omar Vidal, the head of Mexico's chapter of the World Wildlife Fund. The rest of the forest-cover loss was due to drought or diseasecontrol removal of trees.

The Mexican government has taken a strict stance in recent years, shutting down saw mills and going after logaina trucks, commercial loggers and their equipment. As a result, the reserve reached a milestone in 2012, when aerial photographs showed almost no detectable deforestation due to logging.

Earlier studies found that tree-cutting peaked in 2005, when it depleted 461 hectares (1,140 acres) annually. The new study finds that the losses over the years have been even greater. Differences due to small-scale woodcutting that were too minor to detect in year-to-year comparisons became apparent when researchers compared photographs from the first systematic



In this Dec. 9, 2011, file photo a Monarch butterfly sits on a tree trunk at the Sierra Chincua Sanctuary in the mountains of Mexico's Michoacan state.

aerial survey in 2001, to ones from 2011.

Small-scale deforestation "is a phenomenon we had not detected before," Vidal told a news conference.

About 10 acres (4 hectares) of the logging loss this year is due to small-scale logging, often residents of mountain villages cutting beams and boards for building purposes or to use as firewood.

"Small-scale logging is a serious and growing concern for the conservation of the monarch sanctuaries," according to the report. Some 27,000 people live in the small agrarian communities that dot and in many cases, own — the land in the reserve. While commercial loggers

can be caught and prosecuted, it can be tougher to deal with impoverished people who use or occasionally sell wood from their own land.

The pine and fir forests in the reserve west of Mexico City serve as a sort of blanket for the millions of butterflies that migrate here each year, protecting them from rain and freezing temperatures as they cluster in huge clumps on tree boughs.

However, the monarch migration appears to be under serious threat. A report in March showed the number of butterflies making it to Mexico dropped 59 percent, the lowest level since comparable record-keeping began 20 years ago. It was the third straight year

But Brower said the loss, alteration and protection of forest in the surrounding buffer zone still needs to be documented. It is more than three times the area of the core zone.

The total reserve stretches across 139,000 acres (56,259-hectares) of mountain tops and valleys, but less than one-third of that is in the highly protected core zone; 105,000 acres (42,707 hectares) are in the less-protected — and often deforested — buffer zone, where businesses, housing and extensive roads are al-

"In addition to much stricter enforcement of the total prohibition of logging of any size or sort in the core zone, the buffer zone must be protected, as the colonies have often changed location, and the core zone cannot possibly exist as an island of trees surrounded by buildings, roads and fields," said poet Homero Aridjis, a long-time advocate for the reserve. The swarms of butterflies don't necessarily return to the same locations each year. For reasons not yet clear, they sometimes gather at other hilltops, miles away from previously popular wintering sites.

All the experts note deforestation in Mexico isn't the only threat to the butterflies. Perhaps more dangerous is the crowding out of the only plant the Monarchs lay their eggs on, the milkweed, by genetically modified crops and changing land use patterns in the United States.

### **Associated Press** of declines for the orange-

and-black butterflies that migrate from the United States and Canada to spend the winter sheltering in the mountaintop forests in Mexico. Six of the last seven years have shown drops, and there are now only one-fifteenth as many butterflies as there were in Lincoln Brower, an ento-

mologist at Sweet Briar College in Virginia, wrote in a statement to The Associated Press that "I am pleased to see a new willingness to address the continuing small scale logging which, as my research group has emphasized for many years, causes significantly negative effects on the forest micro-climate which is crucial for the butterflies'

In this Sept. 27, 2012 file photo, radio antennas are spread out on the terrain as part of one of the world's largest astronomy projects, the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) in Chajnator in the Atacama desert in northern Chile. **Associated Press** 

# Strike ends at world's largest radio telescope

**SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)** — sociated Universities Inc., telescope is resuming operations after workers decided to end a 17-day

The installation known as the Atacama Large Millimeter/Submillimeter Array is to reopen Monday because workers reached an agreement with As-

The world's largest radio which employs the Chilean staff.

the agreement includes reduced work hours and a bonus for high altitude work. The observatory known as ALMA is located on a remote plateau above Chile's Atacama desert some 16,400-feet (5,000-meters) above sea

It searches for clues about the dawn of the cosmos, from the coldest gases and dust where galaxies are formed to the energy produced by the Big Bang.

The \$1.4 billion project is jointly funded by the United States, Canada, Japan and Europe.





In this April 2, 2013 file photo, actor Patrick Stewart attends Fox Searchlight Pictures' premiere of "Trance," hosted by The Cinema Society with Montblanc, at the SVA Theater, in New

# **Patrick Stewart tweets** news of nuptials

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Patrick Stewart is sharing the news of his nuptials on Twitter. The 72-year-old actor posted a photo on the site Sunday of himself and his bride buried to their necks in multicolored plastic balls with the simple caption, "Yes, married."

A Stewart spokesman confirmed Monday that the actor married Sunny Ozell on Saturday in a ceremony in Lake Tahoe officiated by Ian McKellen.

McKellen and Stewart will share the screen again in next year's "X-Men: Days of Future Past."

# Bono, designers to raise AIDS funds at auction

NEW YORK (AP) — The de- Leica digital rangefinder sign and music worlds are coming together to help fight AIDS in Africa.

Apple Inc. chief designer Jonathan Ive and industrial designer Marc Newson are collaborating with rocker Bono. They're producing 40 original designs to benefit The Global Fund.

The event is called the (RED) auction. It's scheduled for Nov. 23 at Sotheby's New York.

The highlights include a

camera and a Neal Feay Studios aluminum desk.

Other items include a customized white and red Steinway parlor grand piano and a 2012 Range Rover. There's also a one-of-a kind pair of Apple EarPods in solid rose gold.

Sotheby's will exhibit the items from Nov. 18-22. Bono founded the (RED) charity in 2006 to raise funds to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.



Bono and daugter Jordan Hewson attend the Edun collection on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013, during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week

# Harvey Fierstein plots a return to Broadway

**MARK KENNEDY AP Drama Writer** NEW YORK (AP) — Fresh off his success with "Kinky Boots." Harvey Fierstein will be offering his first play in almost 30 years — and there's plenty of kink.

The Manhattan Theatre Club said Monday it will produce "Casa Valentina," a play about a community of cross-dressing men. It begins previews April 1 and opens April 23 on Broadway at MTC's Samuel J. Friedman Theatre.



This June 10, 2013 file photo shows award recipient Harvey Fierstein at the eighth annual Made in NY Awards in New York. Associated Press

Producers said the show will be set in the 1960s in the Catskill Mountains and deal with an "inconspicuous bungalow colony that catered to a very special clientele: heterosexual men whose favorite pastime was dressing and acting as women." The creative team and cast will be announced later.

Fierstein is a four-time Tony Award winner behind "Newsies," ''Torch Song Trilogy" and "La Cage aux Folles."

# 007 'submarine car' sells for \$865K

LONDON (AP) — A car that transformed into a submarine in the James Bond movie "The Spy Who Loved Me" has been sold at a London auction for 550,000 pounds (\$865,000).

distinctively-shaped white Lotus Esprit, designed for an underwater scene in the 1977 film starring Roger Moore, was sold at RM Auctions on Monday.

The sale price was below the auction house's initial estimate price of 650,000 to 950,000 pounds — perhaps because the vehicle cannot be driven on the road, although it is said to be a fully operational submarine. In the film, Moore and Bond girl Barbara Bach escape a helicopter attack by driving the Esprit off a pier into the sea.



RM Auctions assistant Hannah Fairclough with the white Lotus Esprit used in the James Bond movie "The Spy Who Loved Me", in London, Monday Sept. 9, 2013.

**Associated Press** 

# Olivia Wilde calls fiancé 'brilliant' in video

**JOHN CARUCCI Associated Press** 

TORONTO (AP) — Olivia Wilde kissed her fiancé Jason Sudeikis on the red car- with Forte towards the end. pet and then praised him for his portrayal of Marcus Mumford in the Mumford & Sons video, "Hopeless Wanderer."

The former Saturday Night Live player— along with Will Forte, Ed Helms, and Jason Bateman— paro-

died the other members of the band in the often silly video. Sudeikis even enjoys a passionate on-screen kiss And Wilde loves the whole thing. "Oh, it's brilliant. It's brilliant. It's my favorite thing. I love it," Wilde said. The actress commented on the video while promoting her new film, "Rush" at the Toronto International Film Festival. More than



40 television crews interviewed Wilde, Chris Hemsworth. Daniel Bruhl, and director Ron Howard.



# Long-lost painting by Van Gogh is identified

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AMSTERDAM (AP) — A painting that sat for six decades in a Norwegian industrialist's attic after he was told it was a fake Van Gogh was pronounced the real thing Monday, making it the first full-size canvas by the tortured Dutch artist to be discovered since 1928. Experts at the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam authenticated the 1888 landscape "Sunset at Montmajour" with the help of Vincent Van Goah's letters, chemical analysis of the pigments and X-rays of the canvas. Museum director Axel Rueger, at an unveiling ceremony, called the discovery a "once-in-a-lifetime experience."

"This is a great painting from what many see as the high point of his artistic achievement, his period in Arles, in southern France," Rueger said. "In the same period, he painted works such as 'Sunflowers,' 'The Yellow House' and 'The Bedroom.'" Museum officials would not identify the owner who brought the artwork to them in 2011 to be authenticated. Van Gogh paintings are among the most valuable in the world, fetching tens of millions of dollars on the rare occasions one is sold at auction. The artwork will be on display at the museum begin-



"Sunset at Montmajour" by Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh is seen during a press conference at the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Monday Sept. 9, 2013.

ning Sept. 24.

The roughly 37-by-29-inch "Sunset at Montmajour" depicts a dry landscape of twisting oak trees, bushes and sky, and was done during the period when Van Gogh was increasingly adopting the thick "impasto" brush strokes that became typical of his work in the final years of his short life. It can be dated to the exact day it was painted because he described it in a letter to his brother, Theo, and said he had painted it the previous day — July 4, 1888. "At sunset I was on a stony heath where very small, twisted oaks grow, in the background a ruin on the hill and wheat fields in the valley," Van Gogh Associated Press wrote. "It was romantic. ... The sun was pouring its very yellow rays over the bushes and the ground, absolutely a shower of gold."

But then Van Gogh confessed that the painting was "well below what I'd wished to do." Later he sent it to Theo to keep.

Van Gogh struggled with bouts of mental distress throughout his life and died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in 1890. He sold only one painting during his lifetime.

According to a reconstruction published in The Burlington Magazine by three researchers, the painting was recorded as number 180 in Theo's collection and given the title "Sun

Setting at Arles." It was sold to French art dealer Maurice Fabre in 1901.

Fabre never recorded selling the work, and the painting disappeared from history until it reappeared in 1970 in the estate of Norwegian industrialist Christian Nicolai Mustad.

The Mustad family said Mustad purchased it in 1908 as a young man in one of his first forays into art collecting, but was soon told by the French ambassador to Sweden that it was a fake. Embarrassed, Mustad banished it to the attic.

After Mustad's death in 1970, the distinguished art dealer Daniel Wildenstein said he thought the painting was a fake Van Gogh or possibly the work of a lesser-known German painter, and it was sold to a collector. The museum would not say who bought it or whether it had been resold since then.

In 1991, the museum declined to authenticate the painting when whoever owned it at the time brought it to them.

"That may be a painful admission, given that the same museum is now attributing it to Van Gogh, but it is understandable," since experts had no information about what the painting depicted, the Burlington Magazine article said.

Teio Meedendorp, one of three experts who worked on the project, said his predecessors might also have been confused because the painting was done at a "transitional" moment in Van Gogh's style.

"From then on, Van Gogh increasingly felt the need to paint with more and more impasto and more and more layers," he said. Among other reasons experts had their doubts: The painting was unsigned. Parts of the foreground were not "as well-observed as usual," the researchers said. And part of the right side of the painting used a different style of brush strokes. But when the museum took a fresh look at the work in 2011, its experts had the advantage of a new compendium of all Van Gogh's letters, and they were able to identify for the first time the exact location "Sunset" depicts: Montmajour hill, near Arles. The ruins of Montmajour abbey can be seen in the background. Van Gogh mentioned the painting in two other letters the same summer.

The number 180 on the back of the canvas was an important clue, and new chemical analysis techniques showed the pigments were identical to others Van Gogh used on his palette at Arles.

# GOAT MOUNTAIN DAVID VANN Lattered Common C

This book cover image released by Harper shows "Goat Mountain," by David Vann.

**Associated Press** 

# ANN LEVIN Associated Press

Gun owners like to say they teach their children

to never point a loaded weapon at another person. But what if a father let his 11-year-old son peer through the scope of a loaded rifle at a poacher? What if the inevitable catastrophe occurred? And what if the father decided not to report it to the au-

thorities?

Already these people would have violated several rules of civilized society, and over the course of "Goat Mountain," a violent and disturbing new novel from award-winning writer David Vann, things will get much worse.

The story is narrated by that unnamed boy, who

is looking back as an adult at the life-changing events of that trip and trying to remember what he felt as a child. "Some part in me just wanted to kill, constantly and without end," he remembers feeling at the start of the journey, perched in the back of his dad's pickup watching quail scurrying along the road.

Over the next few days, his father will string up a human corpse over the campsite; his grandfather will try to kill him; his father's best friend will be hunted like an animal; and he'll shoot his first buck — a family rite of passage —

and be forced to eat its still-warm liver and heart. Then he'll have to castrate the beast — "what made the buck a man needed to be removed also" — and haul its 120-pound carcass back to camp at night alone.

Novel offers vision of hunting trip gone awry

This is not a book for the queasy of stomach nor for the literal-minded reader. It's loaded with allusions to the biblical story of Cain and Abel, the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, and the half-human, half-animal figures of Greek myth. "We drink the blood of Christ so we can become animals again," Vann suggests in one por-

tentous passage.

The only relief from the guts and gore — human and animal — are Vann's evocative descriptions of the rugged backcountry of Northern California, where the men go hunting on the family's property. And he can be funny about the price we pay for civilization, as in this description of his grandfather:

He "had become something modern, an obesity pumped full of insulin and pills and unable to walk through a forest for miles. A thousand generations, tens of thousands of years, ended by him."



### Remembering All The Children



## CHARLES M. BLOW © 2013 New York Times

One of the most gut-wrenching scenes from Syria is captured in the images of row upon row of dead civilians. The dead include many children, swaddled in white cloths, angels laid down never to rise again.

According to the United States, President Bashar Assad of Syria used chemical weapons Aug. 21 to kill 1,429 of his own citizens, 426 of them children.

No fully functional heart can see these images and not break, the horror and grotesqueness of the slaughter of innocents being so abhorrent. These dead children have become linchpins of the Obama administration's argument to sell Congress and the American people on the need to strike Syria.

Last Saturday, when President Barack Obama announced that he had made the decision that the United States should take military action against Syria, he challenged Congress:

"Here's my question for every member of Congress and every member of the global community: What message will we send if a dictator can gas hundreds of children to death in plain sight and pay no price?"

What price should be and how it must be paid is the question here. The bombs-ornothing argument that many proponents of U.S. military action have taken rings hollow. There is a mile of distance between grieving for dead children and avenging those deaths through military force. Furthermore, one can simultaneously express sorrow for the dead, particularly the children, and resist direct U.S. military intervention. This is a false choice that uses the dead children as a mask for America's militaristic instinct, and one that I find repugnant. In fact, the everyday rhetoric in support of a U.S. strike becomes evermore expansive. This is no longer just about punishing Assad for using chemical weapons. It's now about sending a signal and shoring up U.S. credibility at the risk of war spreading throughout the region. So creeps the mission. I recognize that the Syrian civil war is an acute crisis and that we - and the rest of the world that is all too willing to sit back as we shoulder the responsibility - need a clear, cogent way to deal with it. The human toll in Syria - in deaths, displacement and refugees - is staggering.

Still, above all, I'm haunted by the images of the children. But the truth is, they must mingle with the children who haunt without consummate photographic documentation or international outrage. They are the millions of other children who die each year on this planet with little notice. Where is the intervention for them? Who will be their hero? Mass deaths grab the headlines more than individual ones, but every needless death of a child should needle our conscience.

According to a June report for UNICEF, "malnutrition contributes to 3.1 million under-5 child deaths annually, or 45 percent of all deaths for that age group."

Here in the United States, the Department of Agriculture released a report this week that found for the fifth year in a row that 1 in 6 Americans are "food insecure," many of them children. Most of them receive assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, yet Congress is considering cutting back on that aid.

Furthermore, a recent report by the Children's Defense Fund pointed out:

"The number of children and teens killed by guns in 2010 was nearly five times the number of U.S. soldiers killed in action that year in Iraq and Afghanistan. Shouldn't our legislators be as concerned about the wars at home as they are about the wars overseas?"

As you will no doubt recall, Congress punted on the most rudimentary of new gun control measures this year.

This is not to measure one child's death against another or to diminish the gravity of what is happening in Syria. This is simply to say that every death of a child is a tragedy, and that the humanitarian impulse to help should also apply to the children of the world who die out of view of cameras and out of range of wars. Do our hearts cry out for their deaths? Are we moved to action to prevent more deaths like theirs? A relatively sudden death from a poison gas attack is obviously horrific. But, is not a gradual death from starvation?

Yes, let's remember and mourn and be motivated by the dead children in Syria. But let's also not forget all the other dead children of the world, including our own.



# Johnny Football's Payday



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Welcome aboard, Time magazine. So glad you decided to join our little bandwagon! I'm referring, as you may al-

I'm referring, as you may already know, to the cover story in the current issue. "It's Time to Pay College Athletes," reads the headline, accompanied by the current poster boy for the issue, Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel. Indeed it is.

Now that I think about it, the bandwagon isn't so little anymore. Over the last year or so, more and more voices have joined the chorus calling for more equitable treatment of college football and men's basketball players - athletes who essentially hold down fulltime jobs, and are expected to be big revenue producers for their schools, but whose sole compensation is a scholarship, often renewable at the whim of the coach, that may or may not lead to an education and that usually doesn't even cover the full cost of colleae.

What has been especially striking to me in recent weeks is the way the Manziel case has become a tipping point. Last season, as a freshman, Manziel - whose nickname is Johnny Football - won the coveted Heisman Trophy after leading the Aggies to an 11-2 record, which included an exciting upset of Alabama, the eventual national champion.

In early August, ESPN reported that Manziel had signed his name on some sports memorabilia in return "for a five-figure flat fee" from an autograph broker. After much Sturm und Drang, not to mention an NCAA investigation, Manziel was handed a silly punishment: a half-game suspension, which he served last Saturday, when the Aggies played their opening game of the season against the Owls of Rice University. The NCAA said that it found no evidence that he had taken any money, but it imposed the penalty because one of its rules states that players can't sign autographs for people who are going to try to make money from their signature, even if they reap no reward themselves.

It is worth noting that as college athletes go, Manziel is not the most sympathetic of characters. Unlike many college athletes, he doesn't need money; his father inherited an oil fortune. Last spring, he didn't go to class on the A&M campus but instead took all online courses. He can come across in profiles as surly, entitled and aggrieved. And his drinking is such that his coach, Kevin Sumlin, and his parents had him see an alcohol counselor, according to ESPN The Magazine.

But none of that has seemed to matter. Instead of viewing this as a case of a pampered player breaking the rules, many people saw it instead as example of how ridiculous the rules are. As Time magazine put it, "The real question is, 'What's wrong with that?'" referring to a college athlete's getting paid for his autograph.

"The case just seems so egregious," said Warren Zola, an assistant dean at Boston College's Carroll School of Management who advises athletes preparing to turn pro. "Punished for signing your own name?"

Critics of the current system, like me, often complain that everyone in the business of college sports gets rich except the players. In the case of Manziel, you can see that clearly. After Manziel's great season, his coach, Sumlin, got a \$1.1 million raise; his salary, according to Time, now tops \$3 million. The magazine came up with estimates showing that A&M's media exposure, thanks in part to Manziel's Heisman Trophy, is worth \$37 million, and that the retail value of A&M merchandise is \$72 million - a 20 percent jump from the previous year. "The general public now recognizes the fact that the money is preposterous," Zola told me. It is this influx of money, much of it generated by television contracts, that makes the continued "amateur" status of the players so untenable.

There are, of course, voices missing from the new chorus: those of the college sports insiders, who cling to the status quo. And why wouldn't they? But theirs is not necessarily the last word. In Congress, a bill was recently introduced that would give players more rights, a sure sign that the issue is catching on. In the courts, lawsuits aimed at making it possible for players to earn some money from their likenesses continue to move forward. If a large enough segment of the public comes to see that, however much they love football or men's basketball, the current state of affairs is inherently unfair, public outcry may force the necessary change.

Time's cover suggests we may be getting to that point.  $\square$ 



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